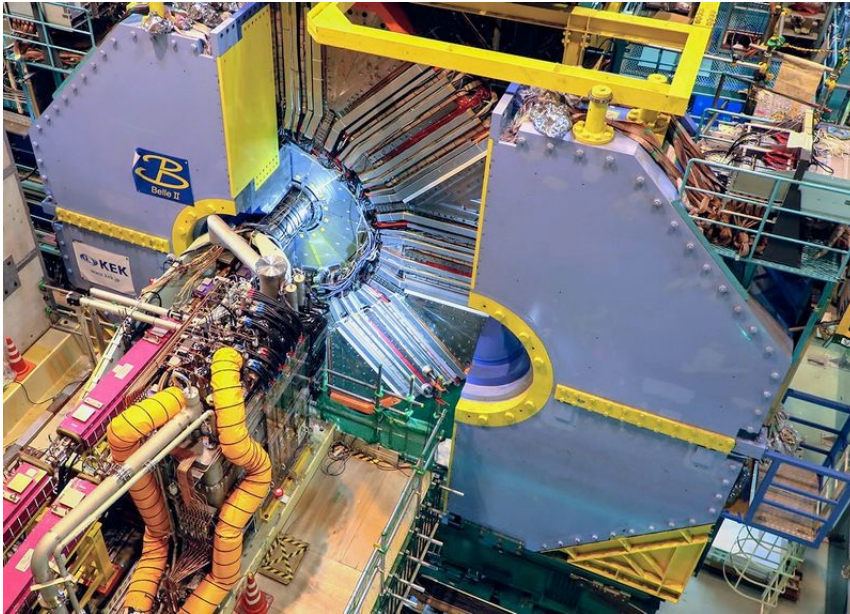


# Prospects for BSM Discoveries with Belle II@SuperKEKB



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The complex superconducting final focus is partially visible here (before closing the endcap).



Inside the SuperKEKB tunnel

Goal: Understand the significance of the recent  $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$  result from Belle II.

Belle II status and introduction;  
How some recent Belle II results address Anomalies and *Fundamental Questions in Flavor Physics*. (examples: Time Dependent CPV, QM, Penguins, the  $K \pi$  puzzle...).

Opportunities/Prospects for *Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) discoveries at Belle II* (What's new in 2024 and beyond ?)

Belle II/SuperKEKB Snowmass White Papers:  
<https://confluence.desy.de/display/BI/Snowmass+2021>

# Our learning goal for this morning:

Why is the **first evidence** for the weak decay

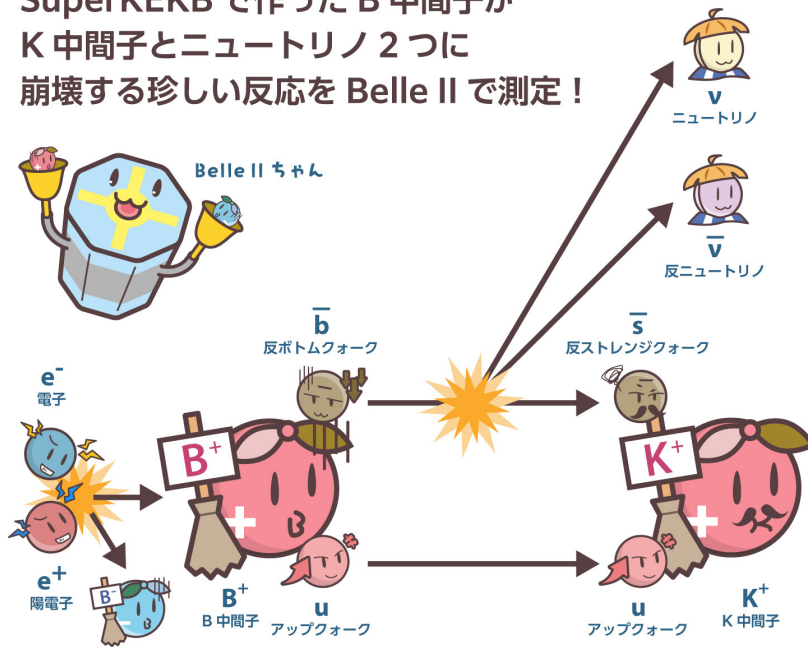
$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$  at Belle II significant?



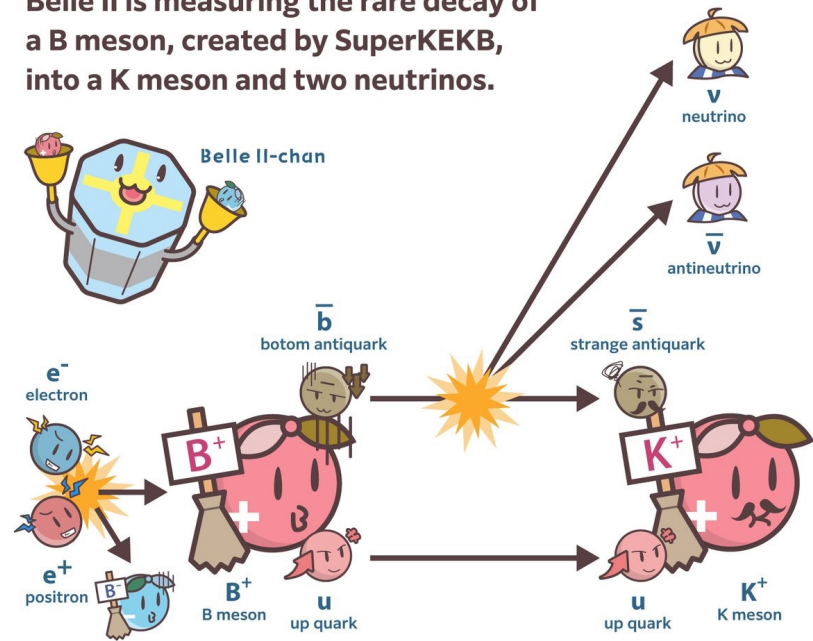
Why is there a manga about this topic ?

How could this lead to a discovery of BSM physics ?

SuperKEKB で作った B 中間子が  
K 中間子とニュートリノ 2 つに  
崩壊する珍しい反応を Belle II で測定 !



Belle II is measuring the rare decay of  
a B meson, created by SuperKEKB,  
into a K meson and two neutrinos.



この反応が起こる確率は高い精度で計算できるので  
標準理論の検証 (ズレを調べる) をしやすい!

Japanese Original

The high-precision calculability of the probability of this decay  
makes it easy to validate the Standard Model.

English Translation

A b quark has charge  $-1/3$ , an s quark has charge  $-1/3$  so this decay is a **flavor changing neutral current (FCNC)**.



# The Geography of the International Belle II collaboration



Recent additions:  
Sweden, UK



Belle II  
Italy:  
9 institutes,  
~76  
members

Belle II now has grown to ~1000 researchers  
(~600 authors) from 28 countries/regions

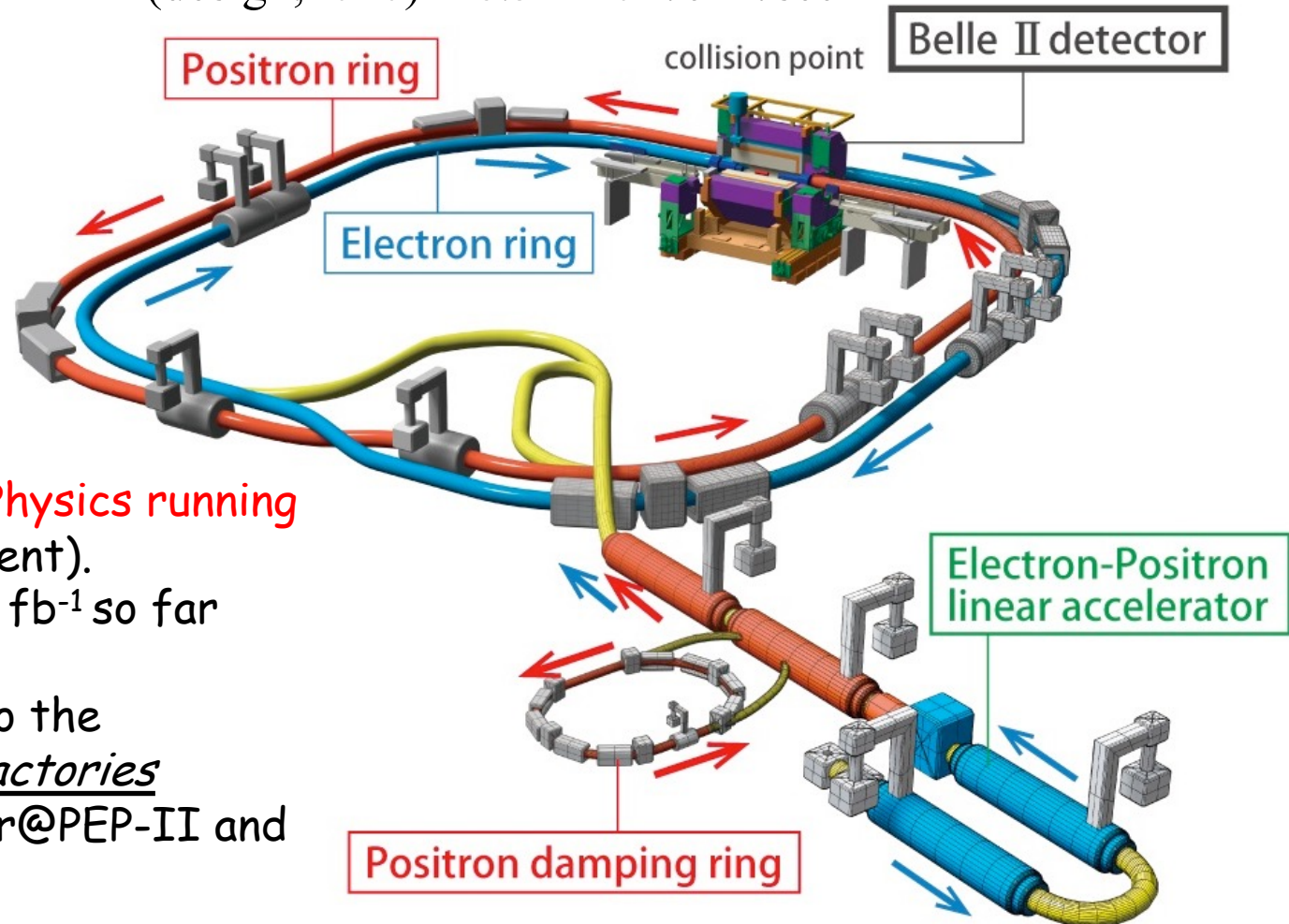
Belle II is unique in Japan. The only comparable example is  
the T2K neutrino experiment at JPARC, which is also an  
international collaboration

Youth and potential: There are ~300 graduate students in the collaboration

SuperKEKB, the first new collider in particle physics since the LHC in 2008 (electron-positron ( $e^+e^-$ ) rather than proton-proton (pp)). Operates on the *Upsilon(4S) resonance* with 7 GeV( $e^-$ ) on 4 GeV( $e^+$ ) beams.



$$L(\text{design}, 2020) = 6.5 \times 10^{35} / \text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}$$



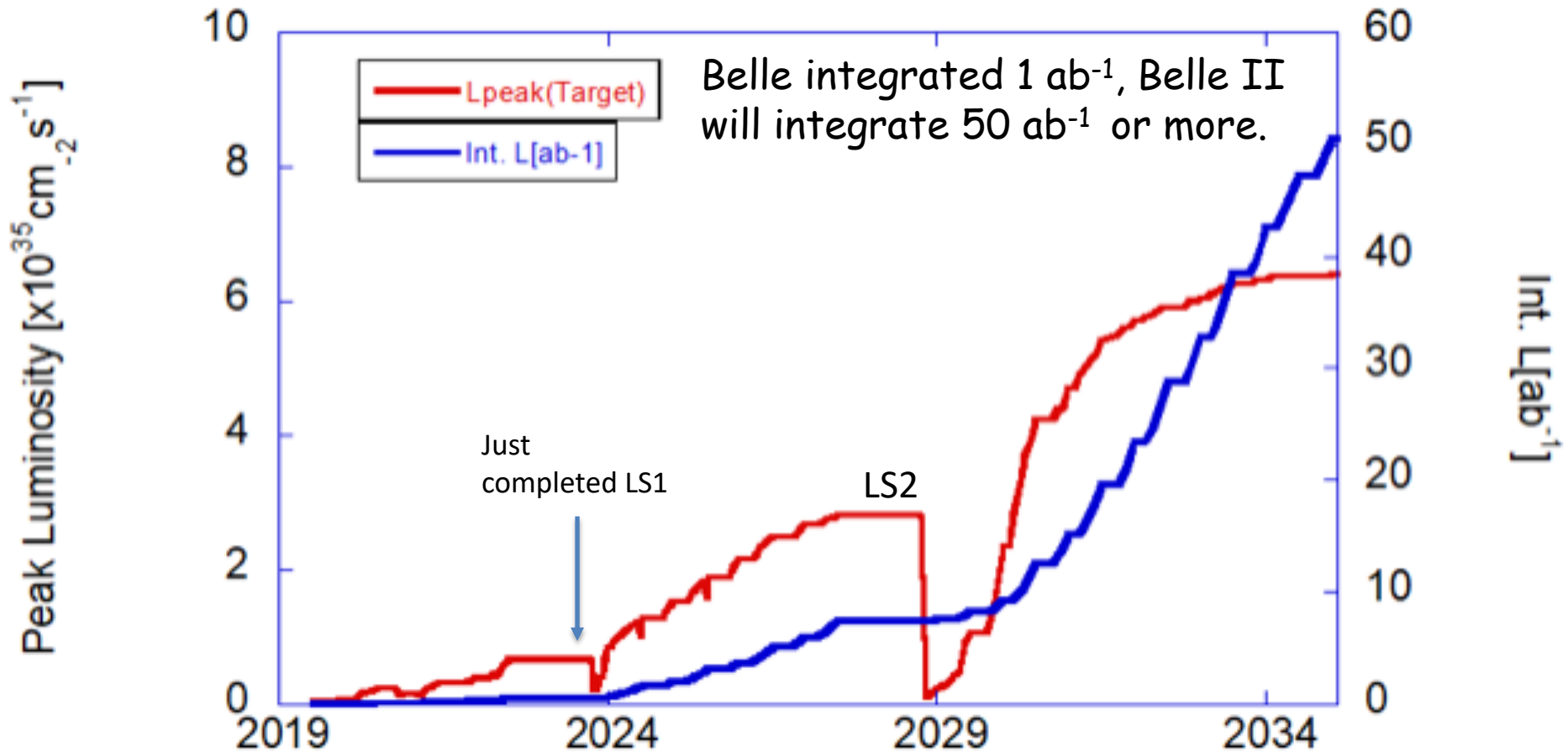
Phase 3: → Belle II Physics running  
(spring 2019 to present).  
Have integrated 428  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  so far

(Dataset compared to the  
First Generation B factories  
(before 2010) ~BaBar@PEP-II and  
~1/2 Belle@KEKB)

**Accelerator innovations:** nano-beams and crab waist optics (rather than large beam currents)



An innovative machine (a ribbon beam, 50nm high) and a plan for the next decade and beyond



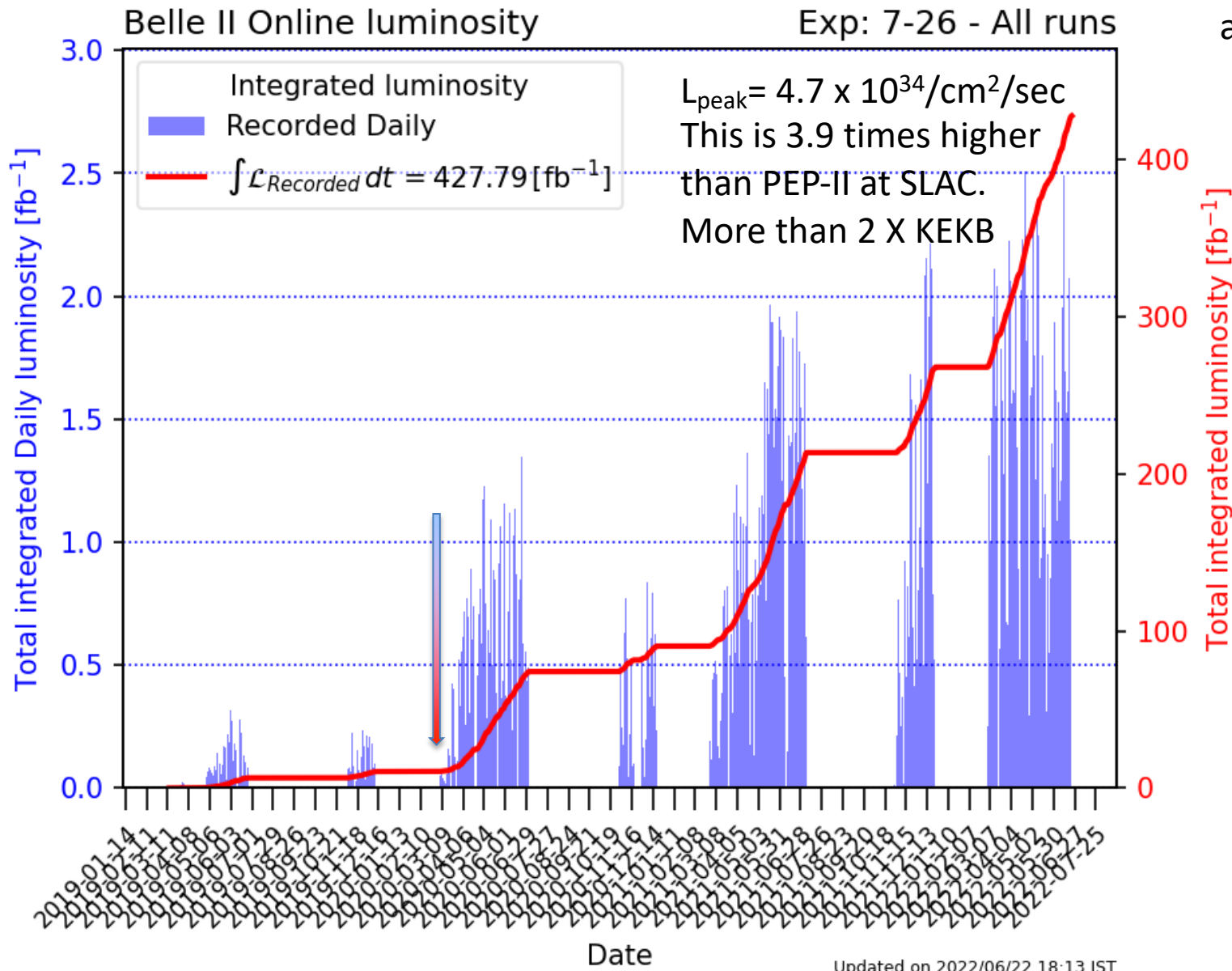
Current beam spot is 200nm high.

Needs international accelerator cooperation: CERN, DESY, BNL, SLAC, Cornell, ESRF, IHEP, BINP. We now realize that SuperKEKB is a "test bed" for FCC-ee, a 100 km circumference *electron-positron* machine planned at CERN



Ran Belle II and SuperKEKB *through the global pandemic*.  
Broke many accelerator world records for luminosity.

Int(L dt)/day  
=2.5 fb<sup>-1</sup>  
>>0.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>/day  
at PEP-II





# The Belle II Detector

A multipurpose HEP spectrometer with vertexing, PID, neutrals, electrons, muons and hermeticity.

KLong and muon detector:  
Resistive Plate Chambers (barrel outer layers)  
Scintillator + WLSF + SiPM's (end-caps , inner 2 barrel layers)

EM Calorimeter:  
CsI(Tl), waveform sampling (barrel+ endcap)

Particle Identification  
TOP detector system (barrel)  
Prox. focusing Aerogel RICH (fwd)

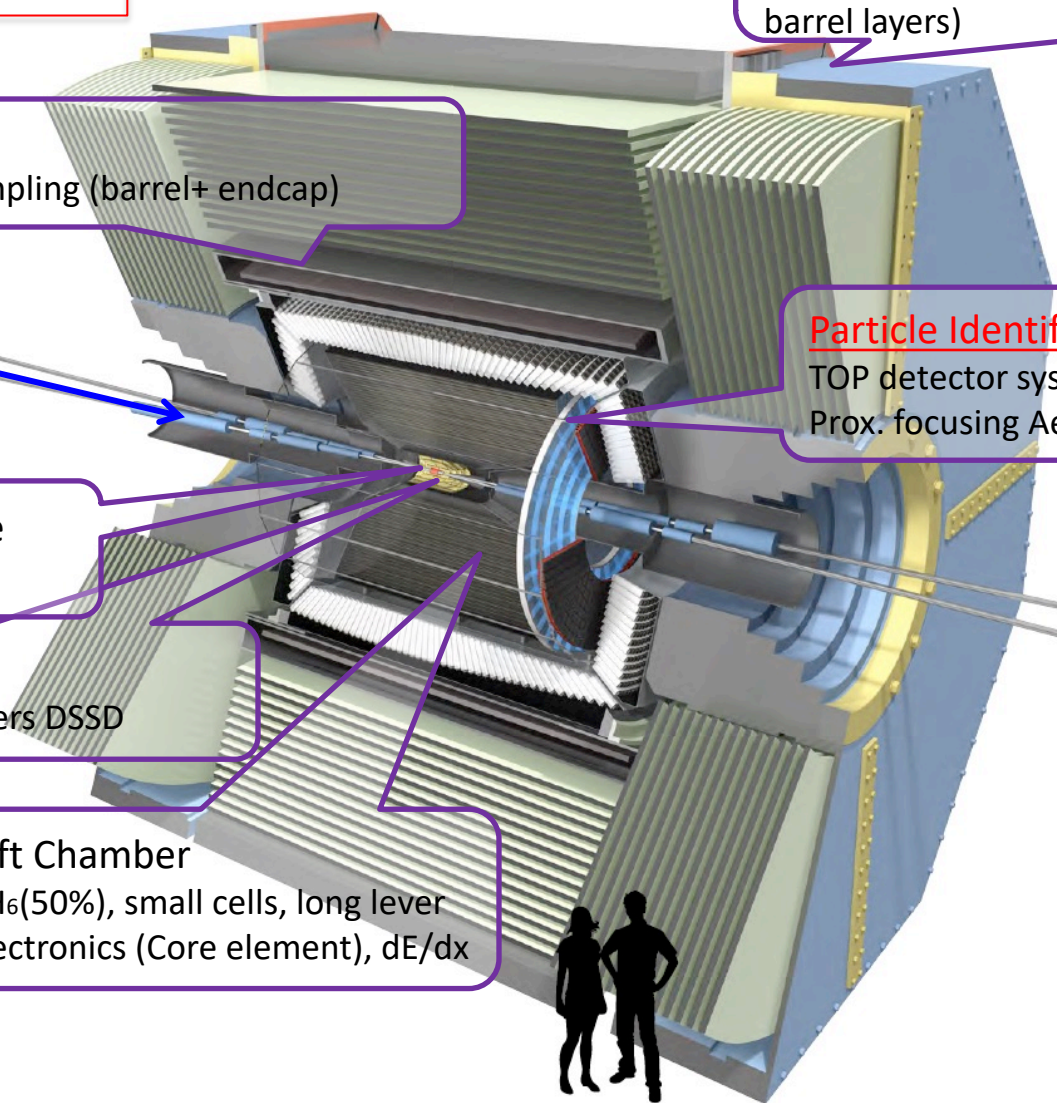
electrons (7 GeV)

Beryllium beam pipe  
2cm diameter

Vertex Detector  
2 layers DEPFET + 4 layers DSSD

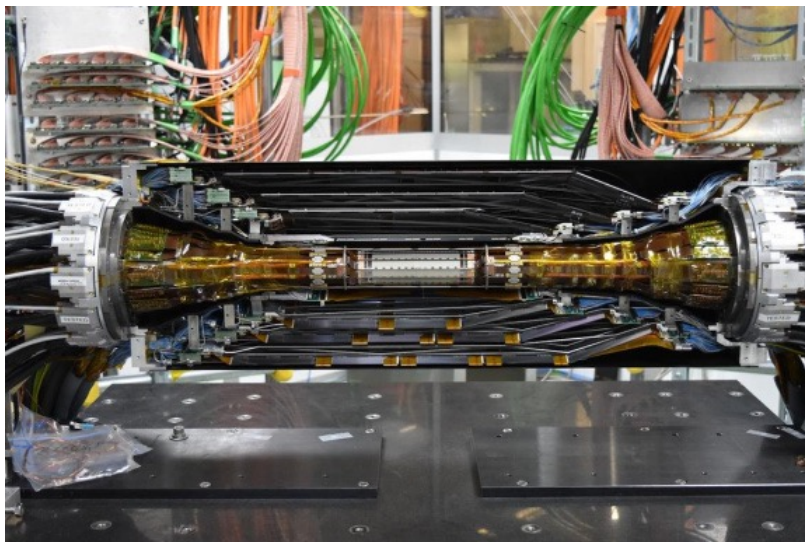
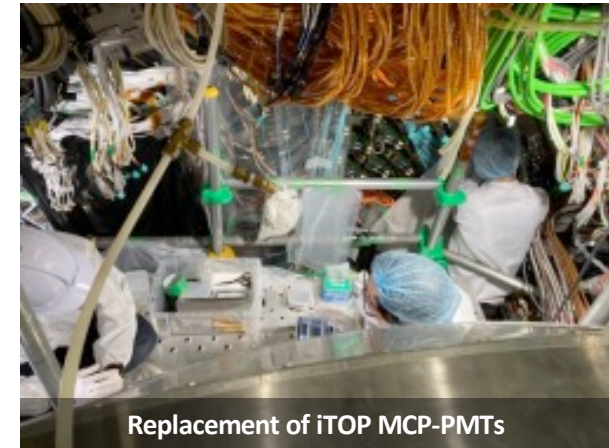
positrons (4 GeV)

Central Drift Chamber  
He(50%):C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>(50%), small cells, long lever arm, fast electronics (Core element), dE/dx



# Current state of Belle II

Detector and *accelerator upgrades* during Long Shutdown I (LS1) and preparing to restart SuperKEKB in late January with **Collisions restarting in Feb 2024.**



PXD2 installation  
completed Aug 4, 2023

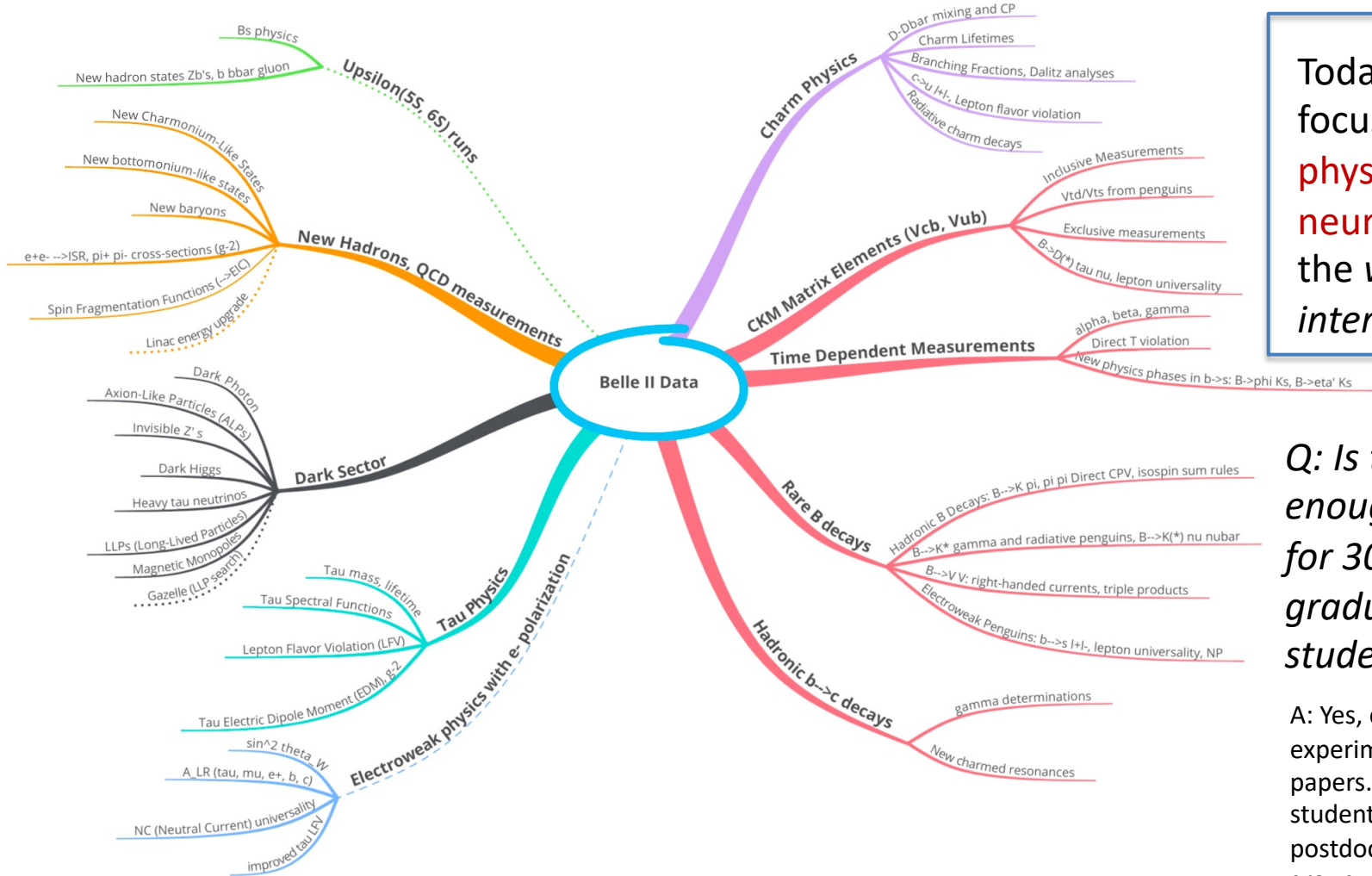
<https://www.interactions.org/press-release/made-germany-worlds-thinnest-pixel-vertex-detector-installed>



# Belle II Physics “Mind Map” for Snowmass 2022



Wealth of new physics possibilities in different domains of HEP (weak, strong, electroweak interactions). Many opportunities for *initiatives* by **young scientists**.



Today, we focus on the **B physics neurons** and the **weak interaction**.

*Q: Is there really enough physics for 300 graduate students ?*

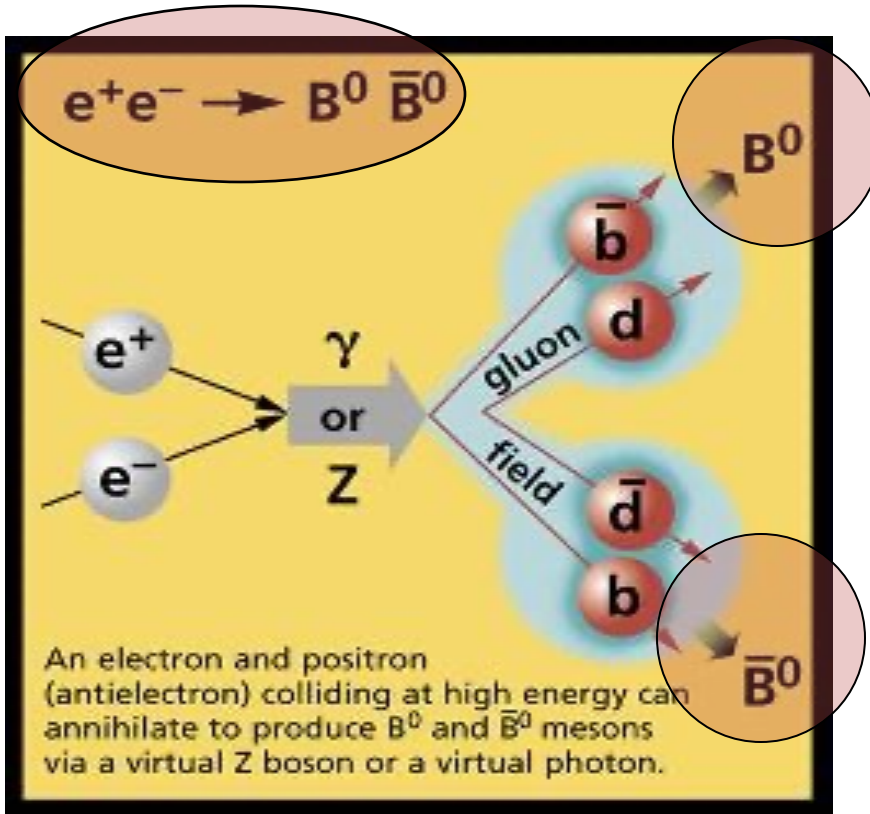
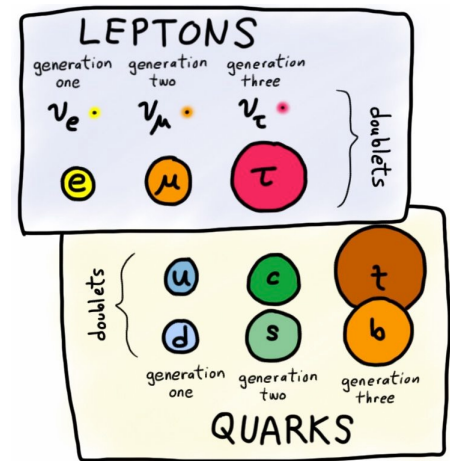
*A: Yes, c.f. B factory experiments, >600 papers. Most by PhD student/advisor, postdoc or small group.*

*Dashed lines indicate extensions to SuperKEKB/Belle II that can enhance the physics reach of the facility. WP's <https://confluence.desy.de/display/BI/Snowmass+2021>*

# B mesons:

“Laboratory rats of the weak interaction”

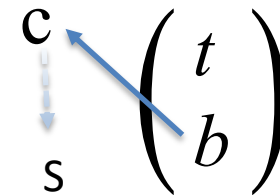
“Breed large numbers and watch them die”



Exotic bound state of matter and antimatter  
(hydrogen-like)

b quark mass  
~ 5 x proton mass

Lifetime ~ 1.5ps

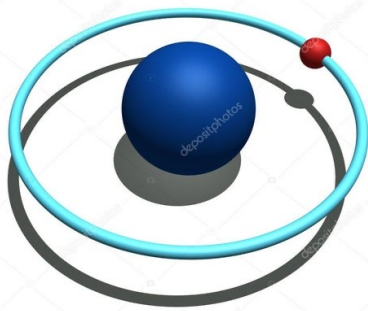


At the Υ(4S), B Bbar pairs are produced with **NO** additional particles.

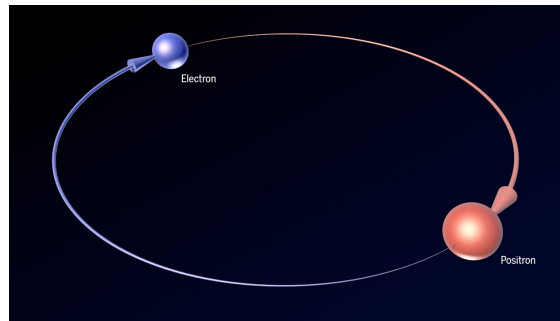
More on this in a moment

1987: ARGUS@DESY found that the neutral B meson can transform into its *anti-particle*, “**B-Bbar mixing**”

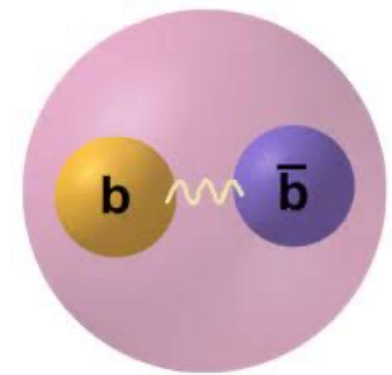




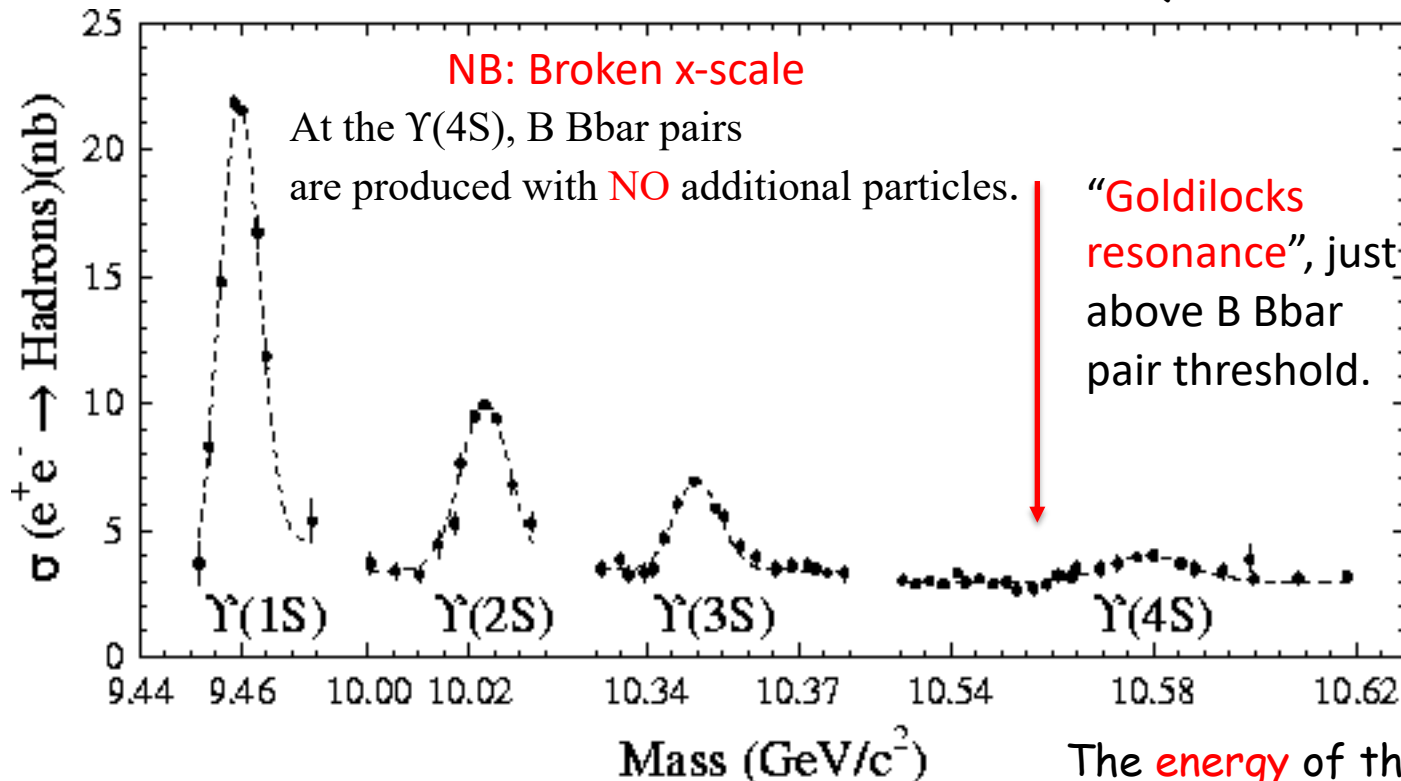
Hydrogen (p and electron bound state)



Positronium (e+e- bound state)



Bottomonium (b b-bar bound state), QCD instead of QED.



The **energy** of the e+e- machine is tuned to the **T(4S)resonance**

# Particle-Antiparticle Mixing

Start with a  $B^0$  (wait a while, a few  $\times 10^{-12}$  sec)

There is a large probability it will turn into its anti-particle, an anti- $B^0$  i.e.

$$B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_d = 0.769 \pm 0.004 \quad (B_d^0 - \bar{B}_d^0 \text{ system}) \\ x_s = 26.89 \pm 0.07 \quad (B_s^0 - \bar{B}_s^0 \text{ system}) \end{array} \right.$$

This also happens with  $K^0$  (strange quarks) and  $D^0$  (charm quark) mesons.

$$\begin{array}{ll} x (\%) & 0.50^{+0.18}_{-0.14} \\ y (\%) & 0.62 \pm 0.07 \end{array}$$

*Let's add in Quantum Mechanical Interference*

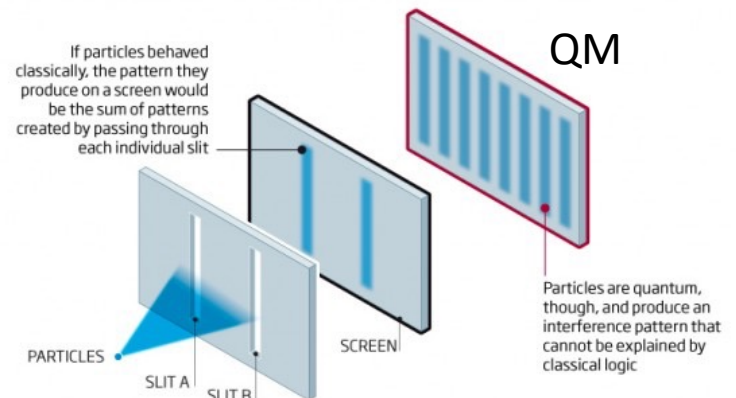
"We choose to examine a phenomenon which is **impossible, absolutely impossible**, to explain in any classical way, and which has in it the heart of quantum mechanics. In reality, it contains the *only* mystery."

--Richard P. Feynman

The famous double slit experiment

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This experiment illustrates the difference between quantum and classical mathematics

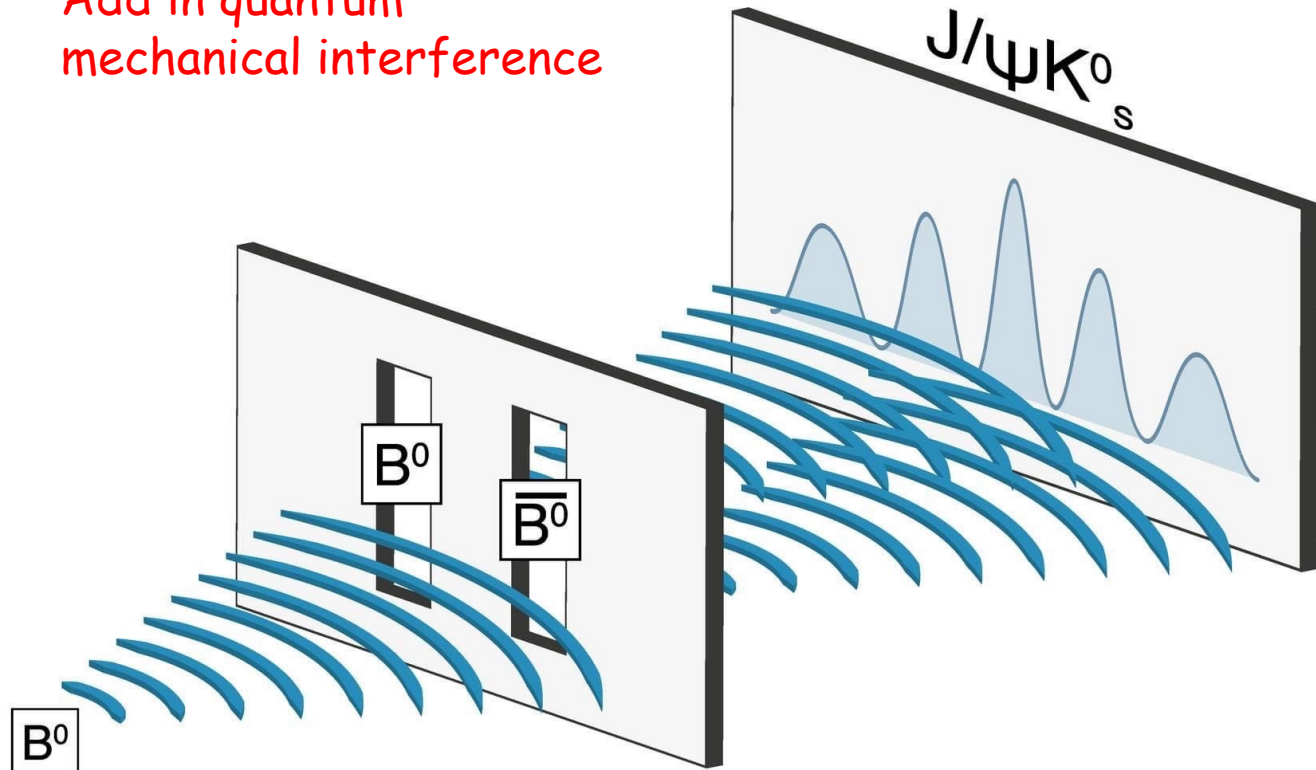


Even for single electrons



Figure  
from CERN  
LHCb  
outreach  
(also see  
Hazumi  
2001)

Add in quantum  
mechanical interference



Q: But how can we get a phase difference between the two paths (so that there is an interference pattern on the screen)?

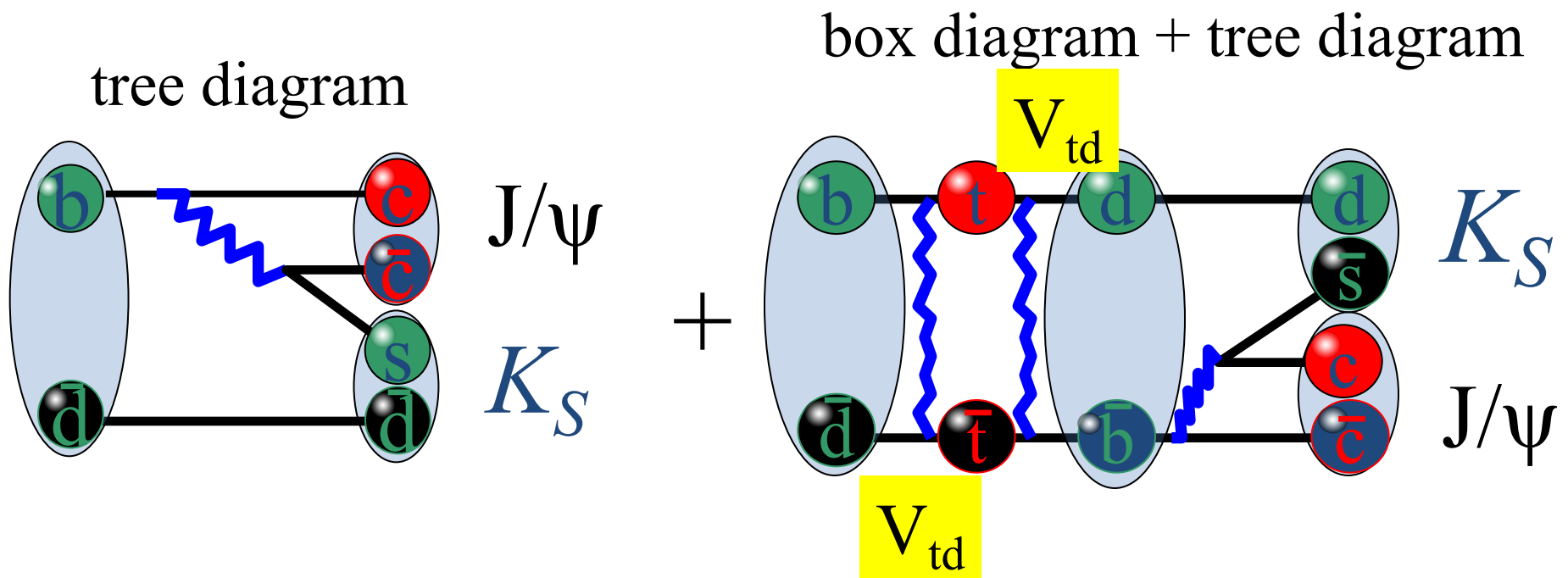
Ans:  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_s$  (via particle-anti particle **mixing**). These two paths have different **weak interaction** phases.



# Another way of looking at this: Time-dependent $CP$ violation is

*"A Double-Slit experiment"* with particles and antiparticles

QM interference between two diagrams



*Measures the phase of  $V_{td}$  or equivalently the phase of  $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0$  mixing.*

# Time Dependent Measurements at Belle II

“Pain et beurre” (i.e .bread and butter) for the B factories.

“misoshiro to gohan” ?



**Belle II VXD** installed on Nov 21, 2018.  
(PXD L1 and two ladders of L2. and the SVD (4 layers))

LS1: VXD upgrade

Recent time-dependent measurements from Belle II:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.12898> (CPV in  $b \rightarrow c \bar{c} s$ )

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.12791> (B-Bbar mixing)

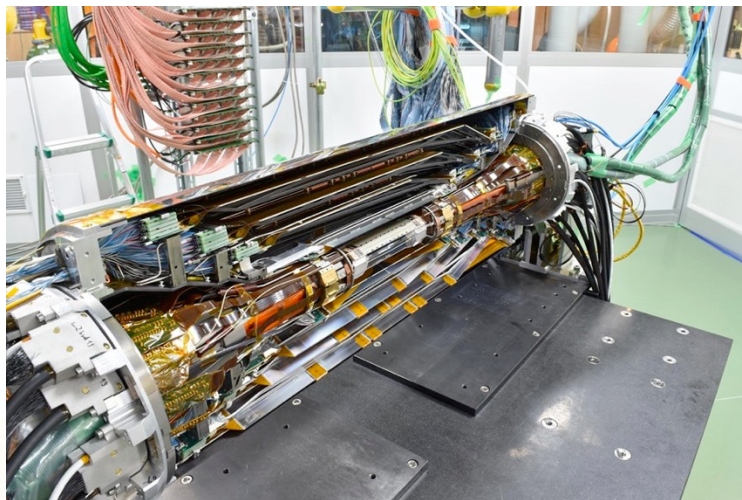
and time-dependent papers on CPV in  $B \rightarrow \phi K_s$ ,  $K_s \pi^0$ ,  $K_s K_s K_s$

In 2023 and 2024 use PXD1 and the pre-LS1 dataset.





# B → J/ψ K<sub>S</sub> and the road to CPV



$$\Delta t \approx \frac{\Delta z}{\beta\gamma}$$

We use a “Golden”  
CP Eigenstate

$$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$$

$$B^0 \rightarrow f ; B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0 \rightarrow f$$

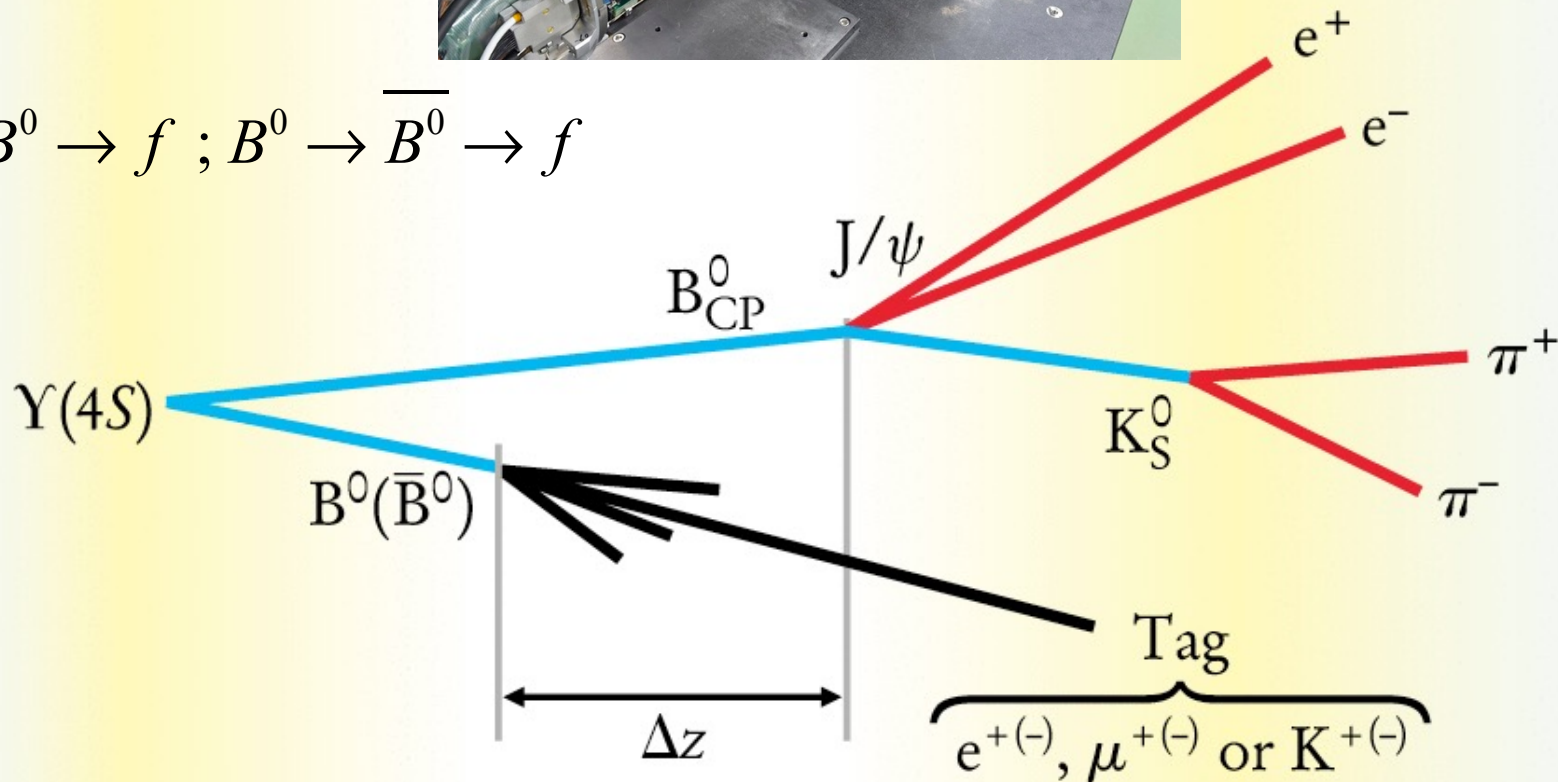


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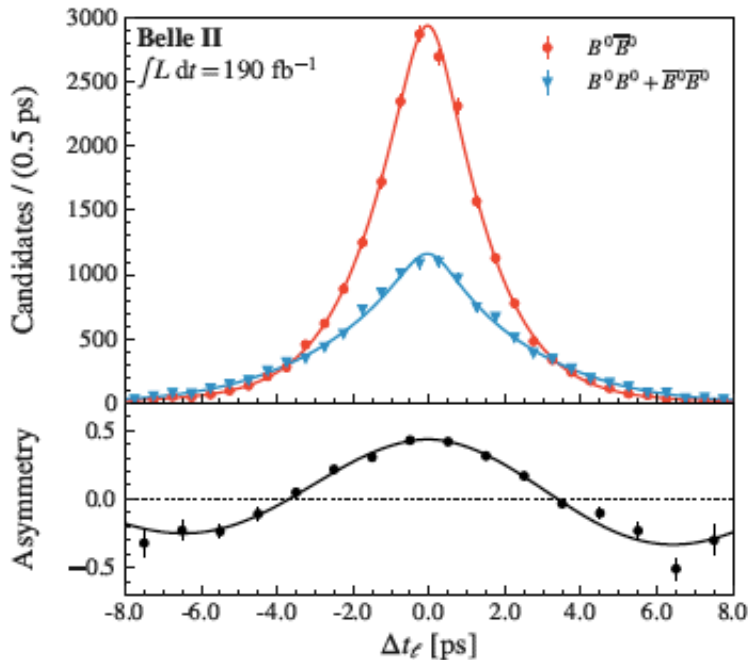




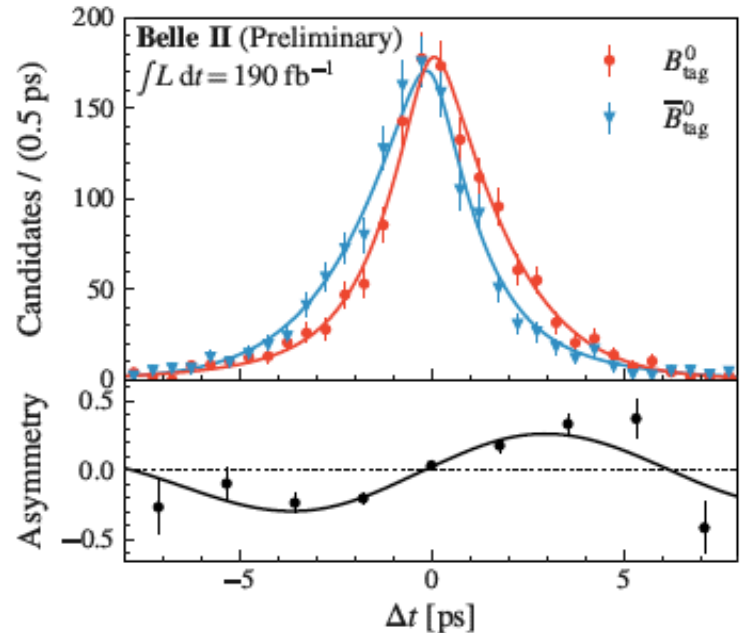
# Verification of $B$ - $\bar{B}$ mixing (particle-anti particle mixing) in Belle II data (not CPV)

Verification of mixing induced **CP Violation** in Belle II data

$$\Delta m_d = (0.516 \pm 0.008 \pm 0.005) \text{ps}^{-1}$$



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.12791>



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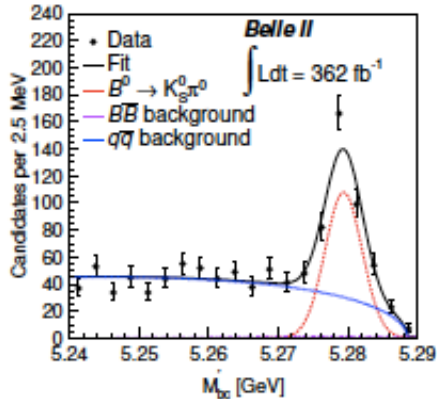
Figure 1 – Projections of the  $\Delta t$  fit on the  $B^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)-} \pi^+$  (left) and  $B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi K_S^0$  (right) samples.

$$N_{SF/OF} \sim \frac{\exp(-|\Delta t|/\tau)}{4\tau} [1 \pm (1-2w) \cos(\Delta m_d \Delta t)] \otimes R(\Delta t) \quad N_{+/-} \sim \frac{\exp(-|\Delta t|/\tau)}{4\tau} \{1 \pm (1-2w) \sin(2\phi_1) \sin(\Delta m_d \Delta t)\} \otimes R(\Delta t)$$

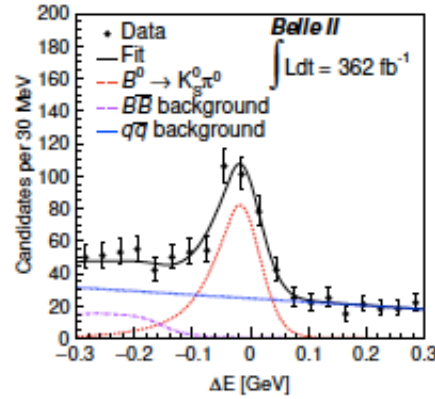
$$\sin(2\phi_1) [\sin(2\beta)] = 0.720 \pm 0.062(stat) \pm 0.016(sys)$$



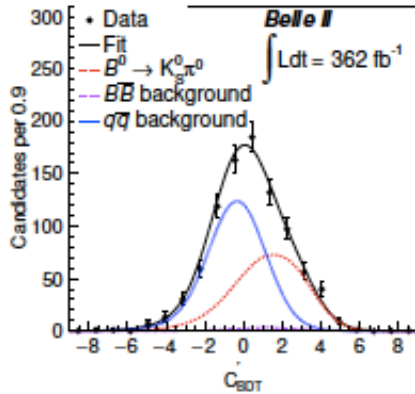
Belle II has results for  $B \rightarrow K_s \pi^0$ ,  $\phi K_s$ ,  $\eta' K_s$ ,  $K_s K_s K_s$  time-dependent CPV in  $b \rightarrow s q q \bar{q}$  transitions. These are statistics limited.



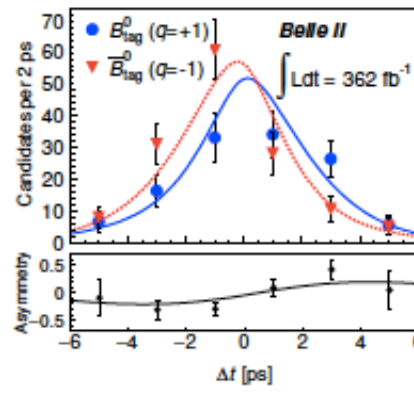
(a)



(b)



(c)



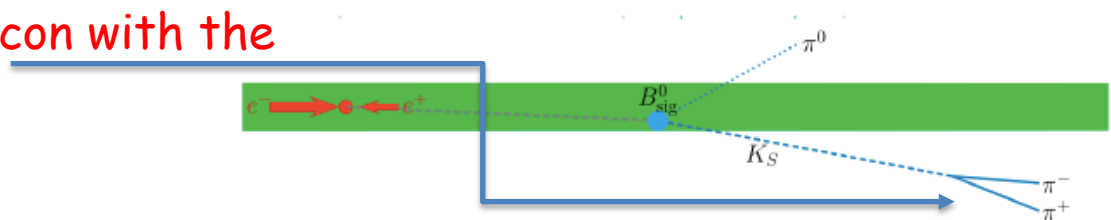
(d)

Here is one example from a recent PRL (Phys. Rev. Lett 131, 111803 (2023))

$$S = 0.75_{-0.23}^{+0.20} \pm 0.04$$

$$C = -0.04_{-0.15}^{+0.14} \pm 0.05$$

Idea:  $K_s$  vertexing in the silicon with the beam spot constraint.



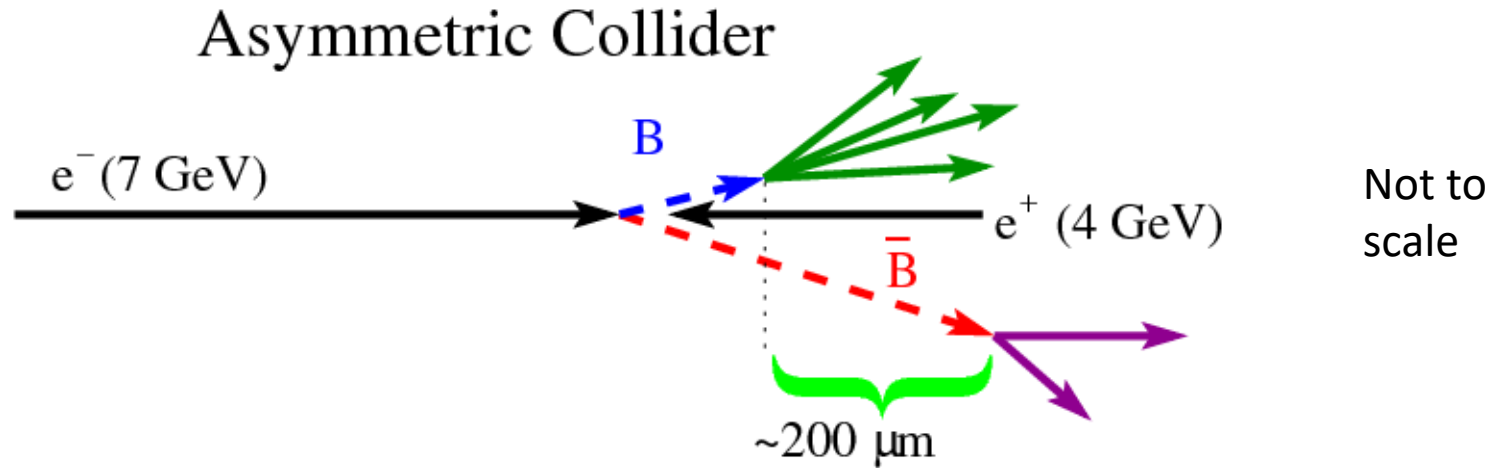
The  $B^0$ -anti  $B^0$  meson pairs at the Upsilon(4S) are produced in a coherent, entangled quantum mechanical state.

$$|\Psi\rangle = |B^0(t_1, f_1)\overline{B^0}(t_2, f_2)\rangle - |\overline{B^0}(t_2, f_2)B^0(t_1, f_1)\rangle$$

(Why is there a minus sign?)

Need to measure decay times to observe CP violation (particle-antiparticle asymmetry).

One B decays  $\rightarrow$  collapses the flavor wavefunction of the other anti-B. (N.B. One B must decay before the other can mix) [*why?*]

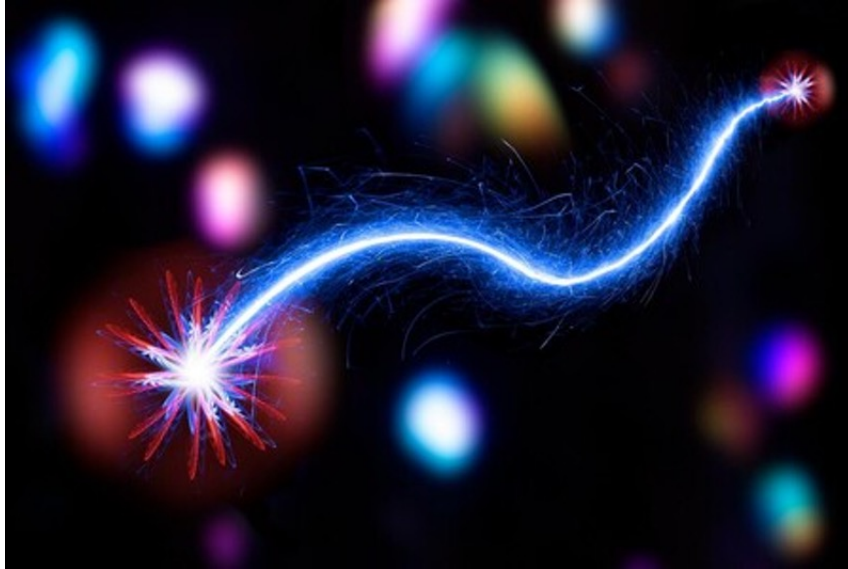


The beam energies are asymmetric (7 on 4 GeV)

The decay distance is increased by around a factor  $\sim 7$

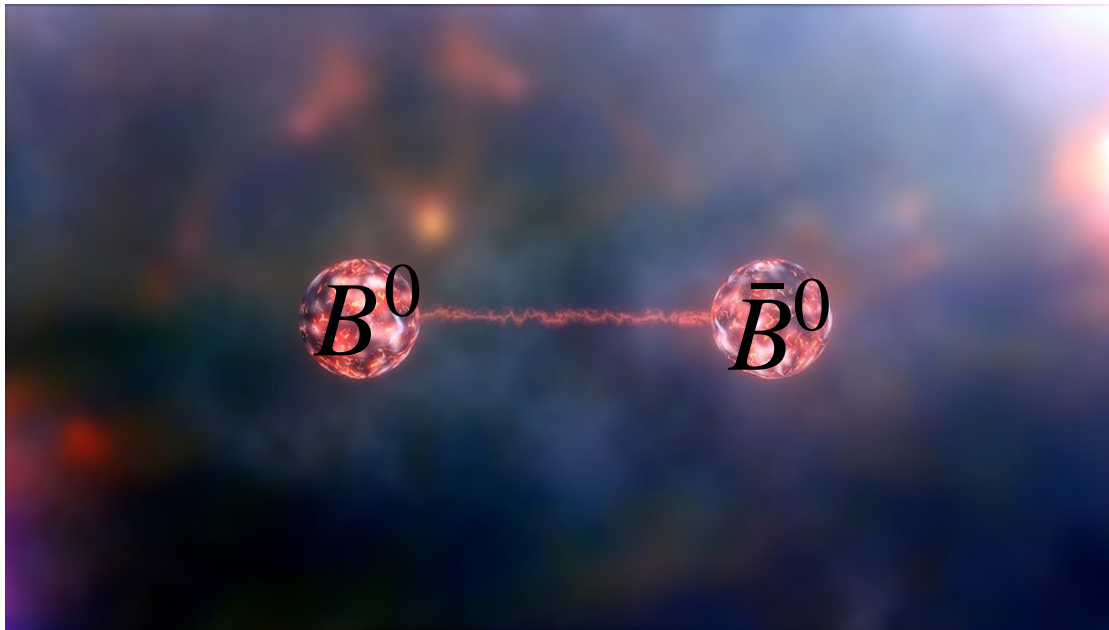


## Reminder: Quantum Mechanical Entanglement



Each  $B^0$ -anti  $B^0$  pair is an Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) experiment. Time dependence of mixing is determined by this.

Figure credit: V. de Schwanberg/[sciencesource.com](https://www.sciencesource.com)



Original  
from  
Caltech  
outreach

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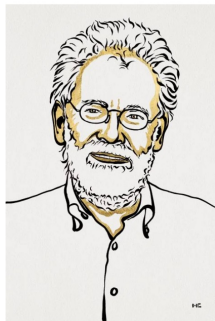
### The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022



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Alain Aspect  
Prize share: 1/3



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Nobel Prize for “QM **Entanglement**”

Each  $B^0$ -anti  $B^0$  pair is an Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) experiment.

Belle checked for the breakdown of QM in  
<https://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.99.131802>

<https://arxiv.org/abs/quant-ph/0702267>

Q: Can Belle II do more on QM entanglement ?

Let's review a few **weak interaction** fundamentals that are needed to understand Belle II Physics.

**Q:** What is a **rare decay** of a B meson ?

Ans 1: A decay that is suppressed.

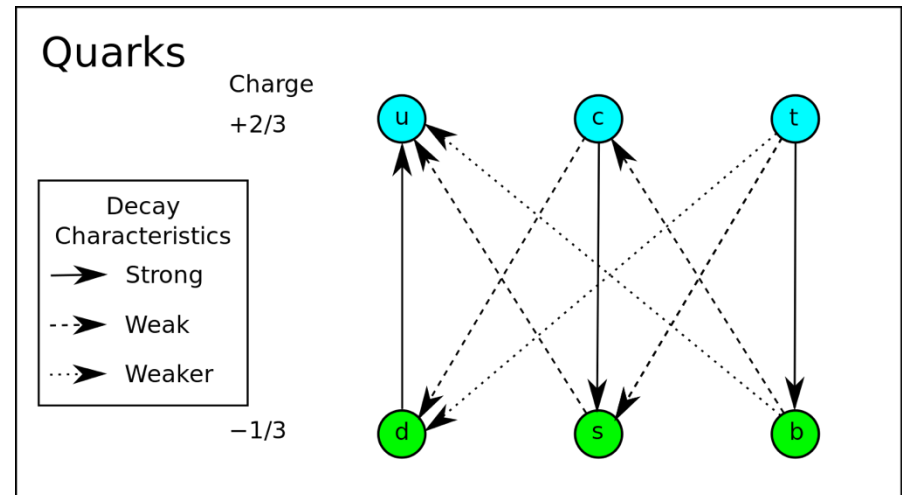
But compared to what ?

Ans: **Suppressed compared to a decay involving a  $b \rightarrow c$  transition**, which is dominant (since b is a “down-type quark”).

**Q:** So which transitions give rise to rare decays ?

Ans 1: *Decays that involve a jump in generations (extra CKM suppression)*

Please remember strong decays do **not** change flavor.



Ans 2:  $b \rightarrow u$  decays

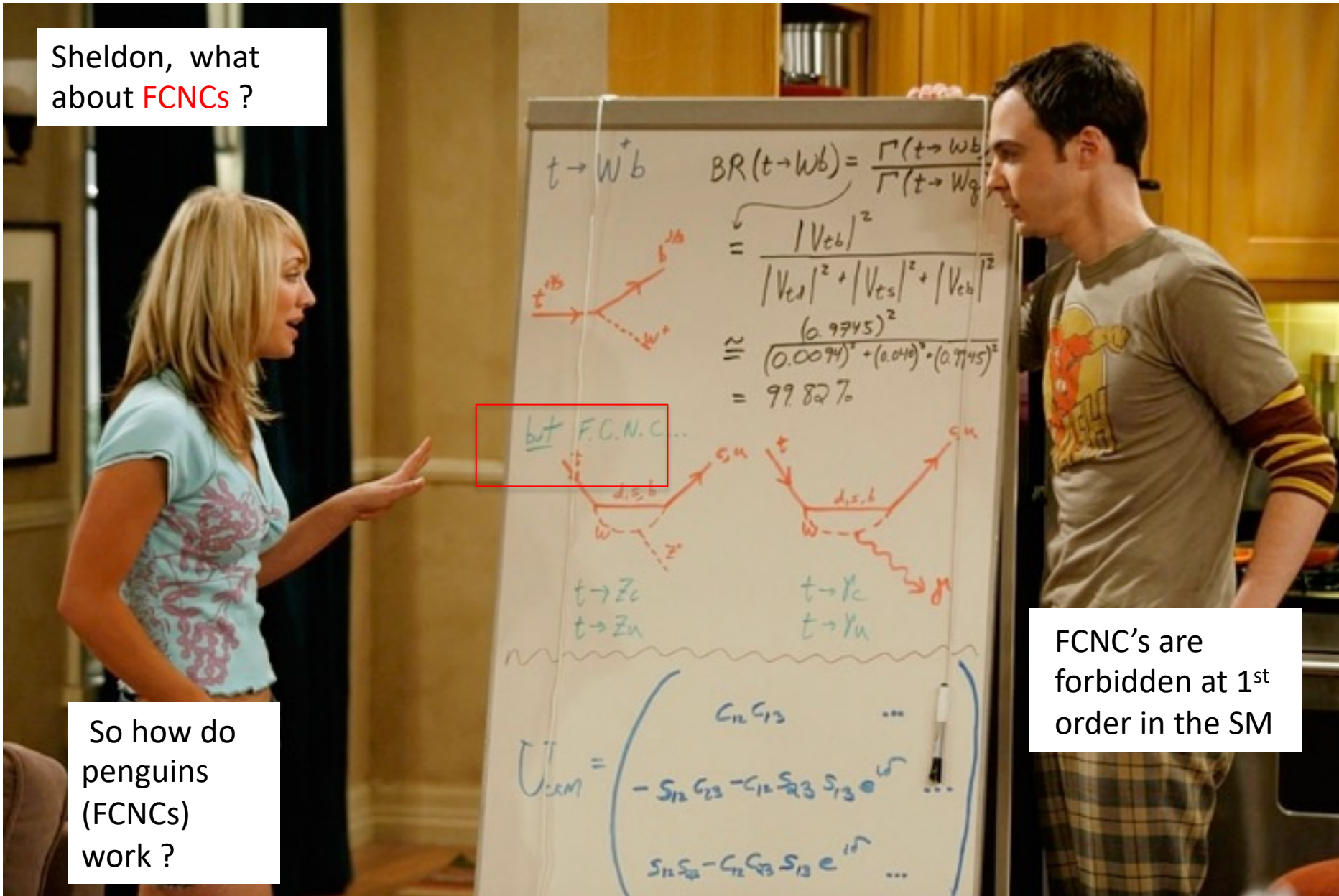
Q: But what about  $b \rightarrow s$  or  $b \rightarrow d$  transitions, **why aren't they shown here ?**

**Spoiler Alert:** They do not occur at 1<sup>st</sup> order in the weak interaction.



# Old US TV Show, Big Bang Theory Episode (FCNCs)

Sheldon, what about FCNCs ?



but F.C.N.C...

FCNC's are forbidden at 1<sup>st</sup> order in the SM

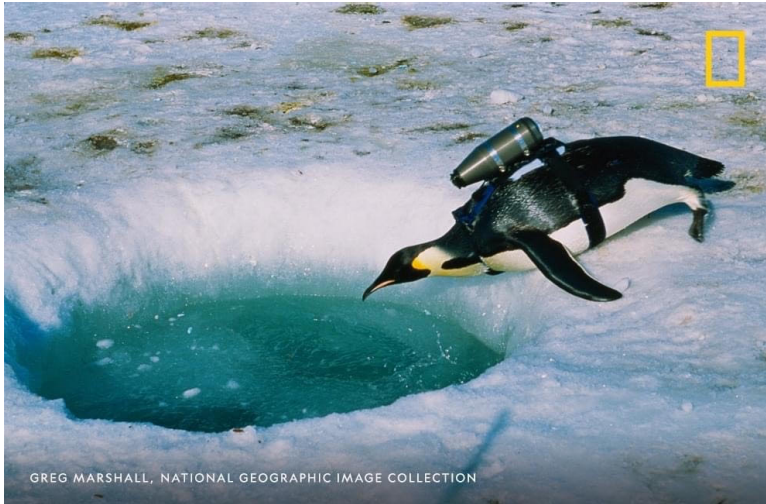
So how do penguins (FCNCs) work ?



At Snowmass 2022 (the decadal survey of HEP) we considered how Belle II might discover BSM physics

Research penguin

Photo Credit: National Geographic

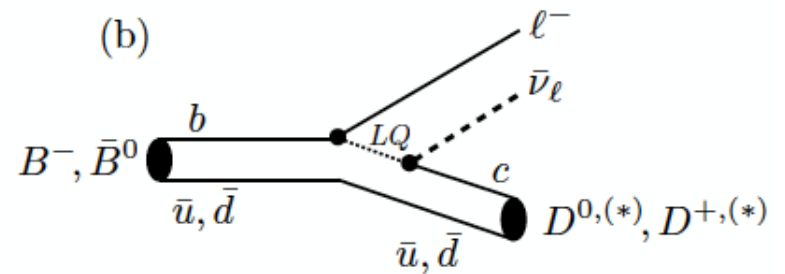
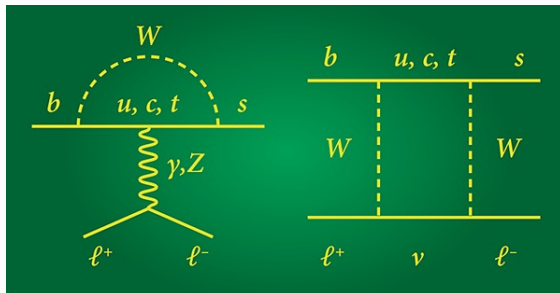


Sequoia National Forest



Exploring the unknown with  $b \rightarrow s$  “electroweak penguins”:  
(weak neutral current or FCNC)

Discovering NP with  $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$  “trees”:  
(weak charged current)



# Radiative Penguins at Belle II

1975: Vainshtein, Zakharov and Shifman



Examine the following  $b \rightarrow s \gamma$  decay modes in the Belle II Phase 3 dataset.

$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \gamma$$

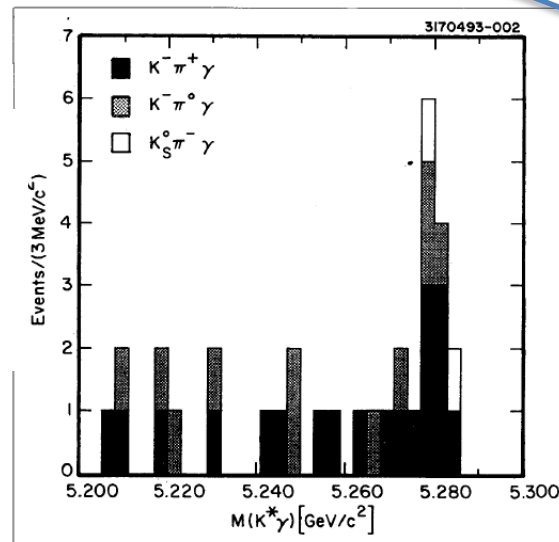
$$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0 \gamma$$

$$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \gamma \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \gamma$$

1993 CERN Courier:

CORNELL  
CLEO discovers  
B meson penguins

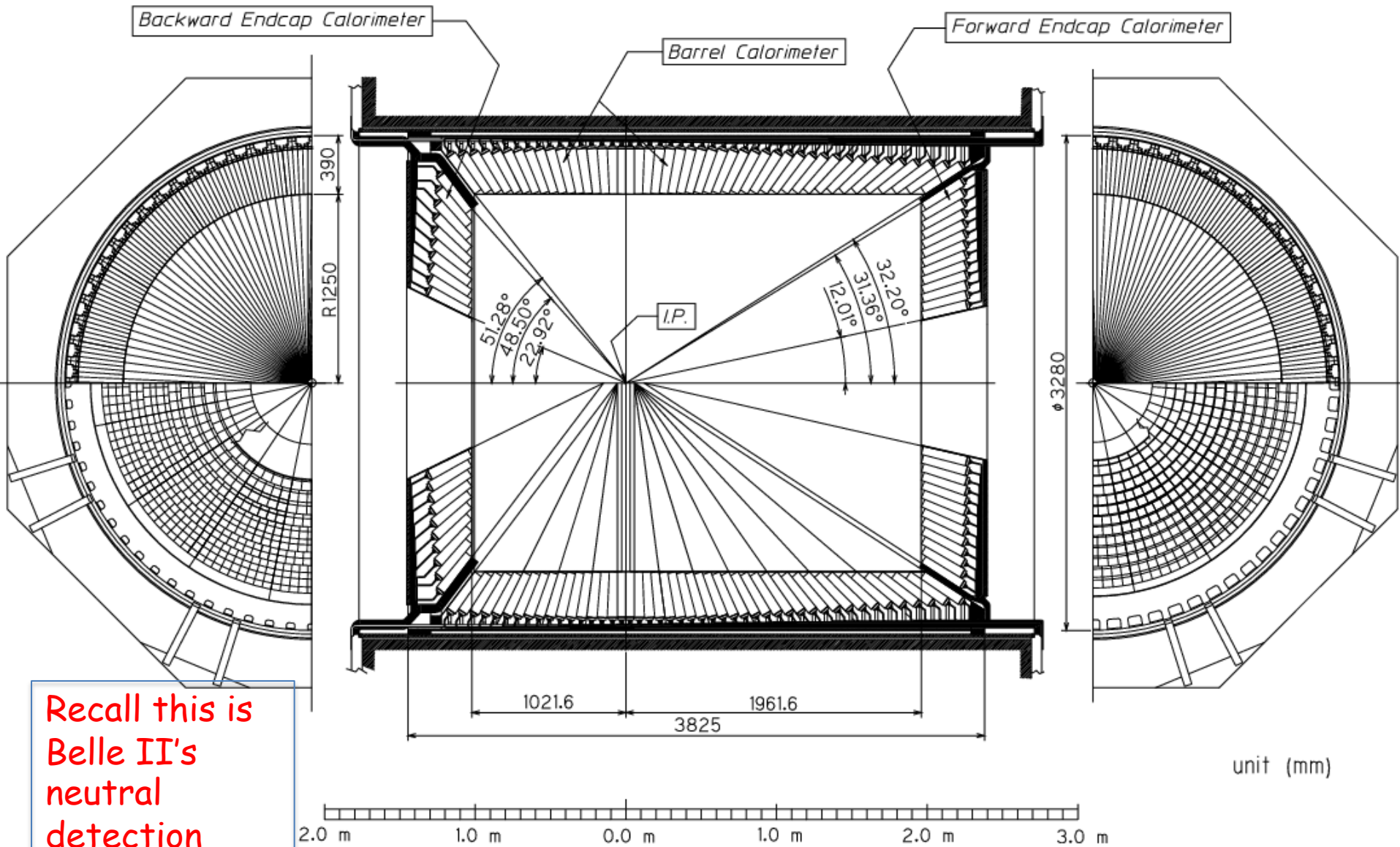
N.B. Using  $1.5 \times 10^6$  B meson pairs ( $1.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) / less than Belle II/day



John Ellis, the CERN theorist who coined the name "**Penguin**" (a type of FCNC).



Belle II's CsI(Tl) calorimeter (~Belle with improved waveform sampling and timing). 8736 crystals covering 90% of the solid angle.



Recall this is  
Belle II's  
neutral  
detection  
superpower

Fig. 69. Overall configuration of ECL.



$$\Delta E = E_{recon} - E_{beam}$$

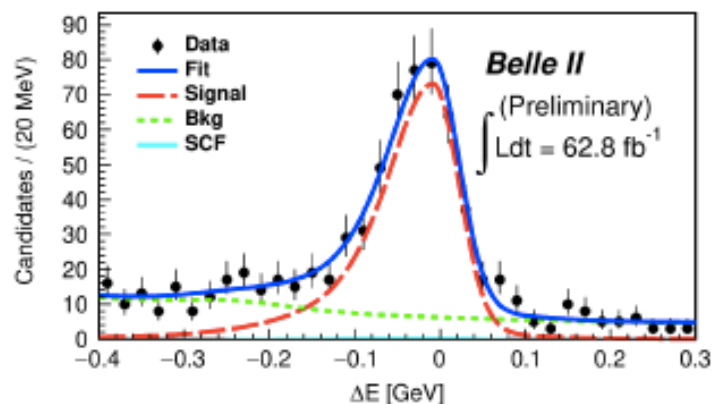
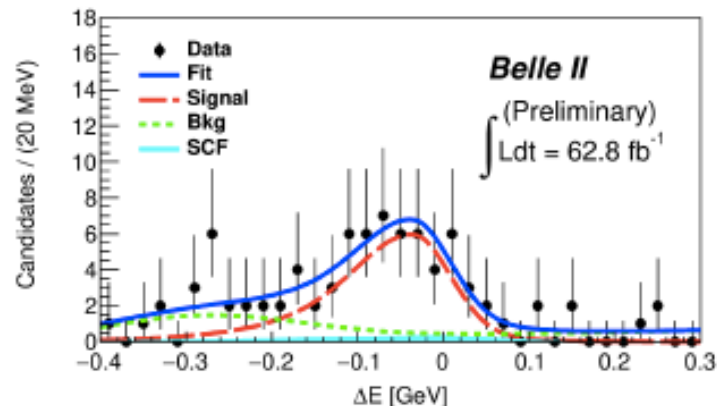
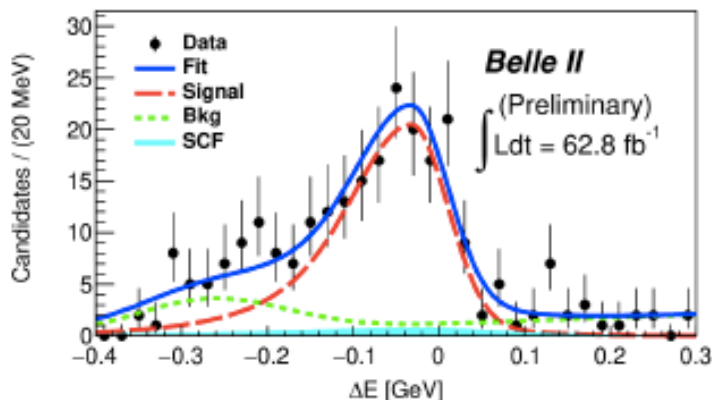
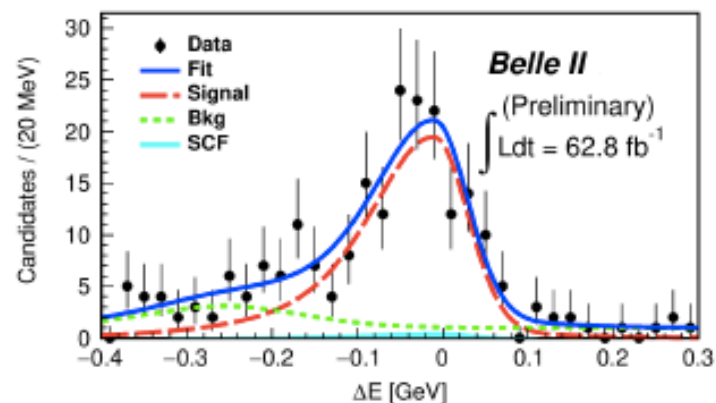
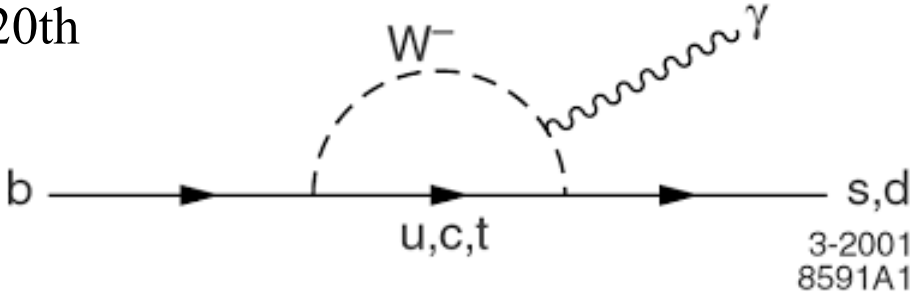
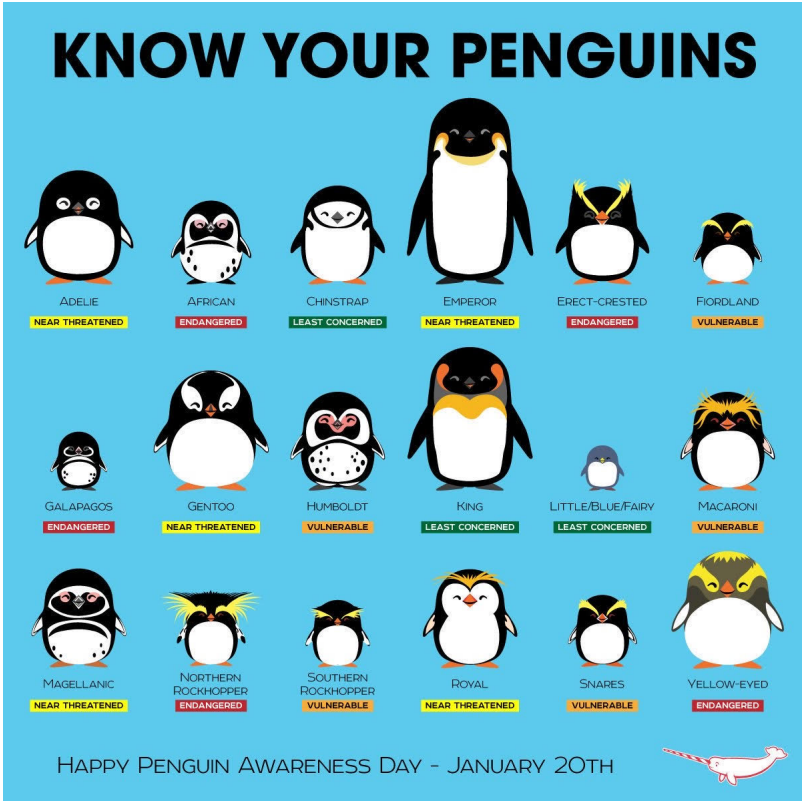
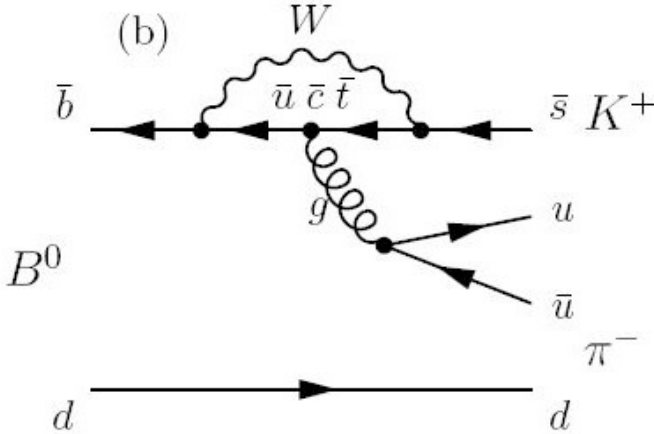
(a)  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[K^+\pi^-]\gamma$ (b)  $B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0}[K_S^0\pi^0]\gamma$ (c)  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[K^+\pi^0]\gamma$ (d)  $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+}[K_S^0\pi^+]\gamma$ 

Figure 2.  $\Delta E$  distributions for each  $B \rightarrow K^*\gamma$  mode with the fit result superimposed. The black dots with error bars denote the data, the blue curve denotes the total fit, the dashed red curve is the signal component, the dotted green curve is the background component, and the filled cyan region is the misreconstructed signal component.

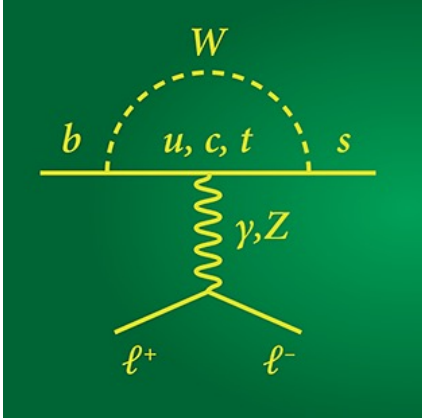
# Recap for “Penguin Awareness Day”, Jan 20th



“Radiative Penguin”  
( $b \rightarrow s \gamma$ )



“Gluonic Penguin”  
( $b \rightarrow s \text{ gluon}$ )



Q: But there is one more in our penguin taxonomy. Do you remember what it is?

Ans. Electroweak Penguins.  
e.g.  $b \rightarrow s [Z^*, \gamma^*] \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$

An old anomaly:

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In 2008, "the  $K\pi$  puzzle" appeared in Nature. Charged and neutral  $A(CP)$ 's for  $B \rightarrow K\pi$  penguins differ. Is this a sign of **new physics**? *How do we tell?*

## Difference in direct charge-parity violation between charged and neutral $B$ meson decays

The Belle Collaboration\*

Also confirmed by BaBar and then LHCb

Mode	$A_{CP}$		
	BaBar	Belle	LHCb
$K^+\pi^-$	$-0.107 \pm 0.016^{+0.006}_{-0.004}$	$-0.069 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.007$	$-0.080 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.003$
$K^+\pi^0$	$0.030 \pm 0.039 \pm 0.010$	$0.043 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.002$	$0.025^{+0.006}_{-0.015}$
$K^0\pi^+$	$-0.029 \pm 0.039 \pm 0.010$	$-0.011 \pm 0.021 \pm 0.006$	$-0.022 \pm 0.025 \pm 0.010$
$K^0\pi^0$	$-0.13 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.03$	$0.14 \pm 0.13 \pm 0.06$	

In summary, we have measured the CP asymmetries for  $B \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^\mp$ ,  $K^\pm \pi^0$  and  $\pi^\pm \pi^0$  using 535 million  $B\bar{B}$  pairs. Direct CP violation in  $B^\pm \rightarrow K^\pm \pi^\mp$  is observed, accompanied by a large deviation between  $\mathcal{A}_{K^\pm \pi^\mp}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{K^\pm \pi^0}$ . Although this deviation could be due to our limited understanding of the strong interaction, the difference in direct CP asymmetries for charged versus neutral  $B$  decays may be an indication of new sources of CP violation beyond the standard model of particle physics.

How will we make progress

# The isospin sum rule in the next decade.

$$I_{K\pi} = \mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^+} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^+) \tau_{B^0}}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-) \tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^+\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^0) \tau_{B^0}}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-) \tau_{B^+}} - 2\mathcal{A}_{K^0\pi^0} \frac{\mathcal{B}(K^0\pi^0)}{\mathcal{B}(K^+\pi^-)}$$

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.14871>

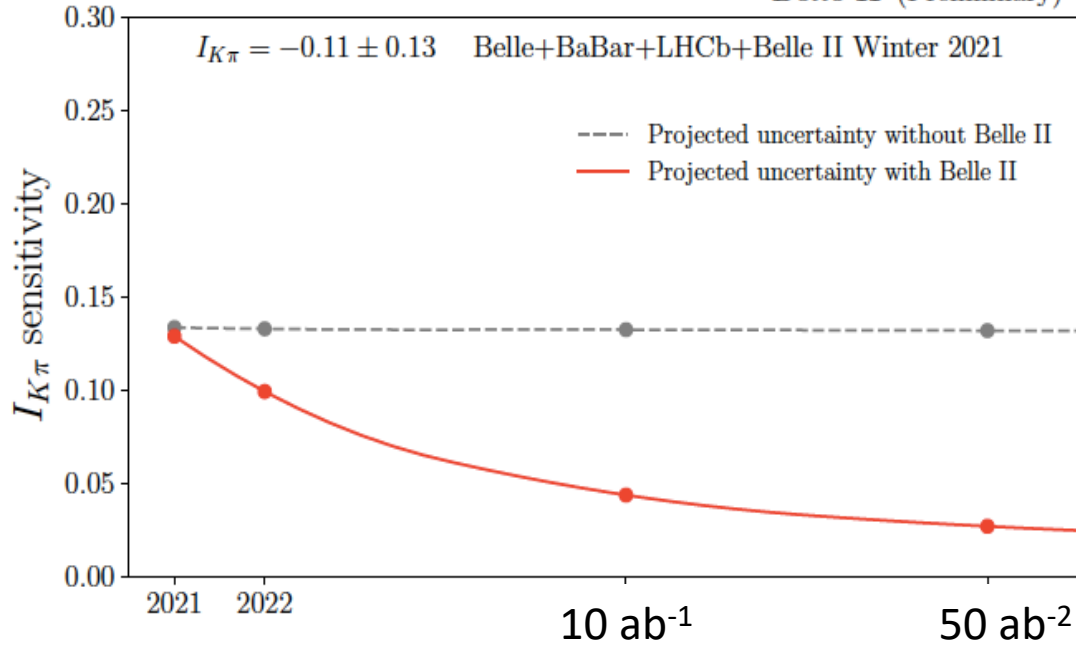
Belle II (Preliminary)



Michael Gronau

The isospin sum rule detects **enhanced NP** electroweak penguins in  $B \rightarrow K \pi^-$

Requires neutrals *and* flavor tagging.



Without Belle II measurements of  $A_{CP}(B^0 \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0)$ , we are stuck.

FIG. 4. The projected uncertainty on  $I_{K\pi}$  with and without Belle II inputs. The inputs for  $I_{K\pi}$  are averages of the estimated updates from ongoing LHCb and Belle II experiments with current world averages [10]. The red curve shows a projection when updates on the complete set of  $K\pi$  measurements are considered, and the grey curve is the case if only  $A_{K^+\pi^-}, A_{K^+\pi^0}, A_{K^0\pi^+}$  are updated by LHCb. The projection corresponds to the luminosity plans from LHCb and Belle II.



Belle II has just published a new result on the  $B \rightarrow h h$  isospin sum rule.



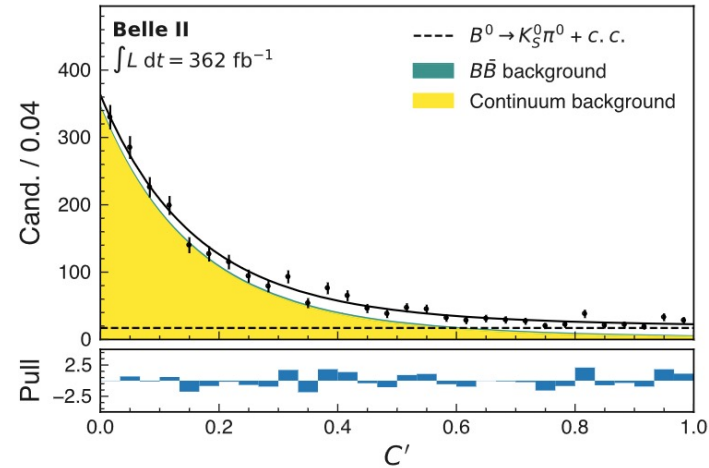
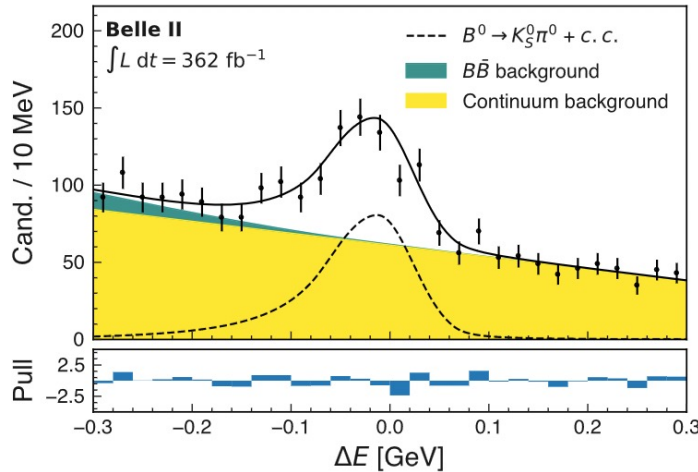


# More on $A_{CP}(B \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^0)$ and the isospin sum rule at Belle II

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 109, 012001 (2024)

Also <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.06381>

Measurement of branching fractions and direct  $CP$  asymmetries for  $B \rightarrow K\pi$  and  $B \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays at Belle II



Signal yield =  $502 \pm 32$

$$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0) = -0.06 \pm 0.15(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

Time-independent method

(Requires flavor tagging i.e. discrimination of  $B^0$  and anti- $B^0$ ).

Combine this with time-dependent result including *overlaps and correlations*

$$A_{CP}(B \rightarrow K^0 \pi^0) = 0.04 \pm 0.15(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

• Putting all together, we obtain an overall Belle II isospin test:

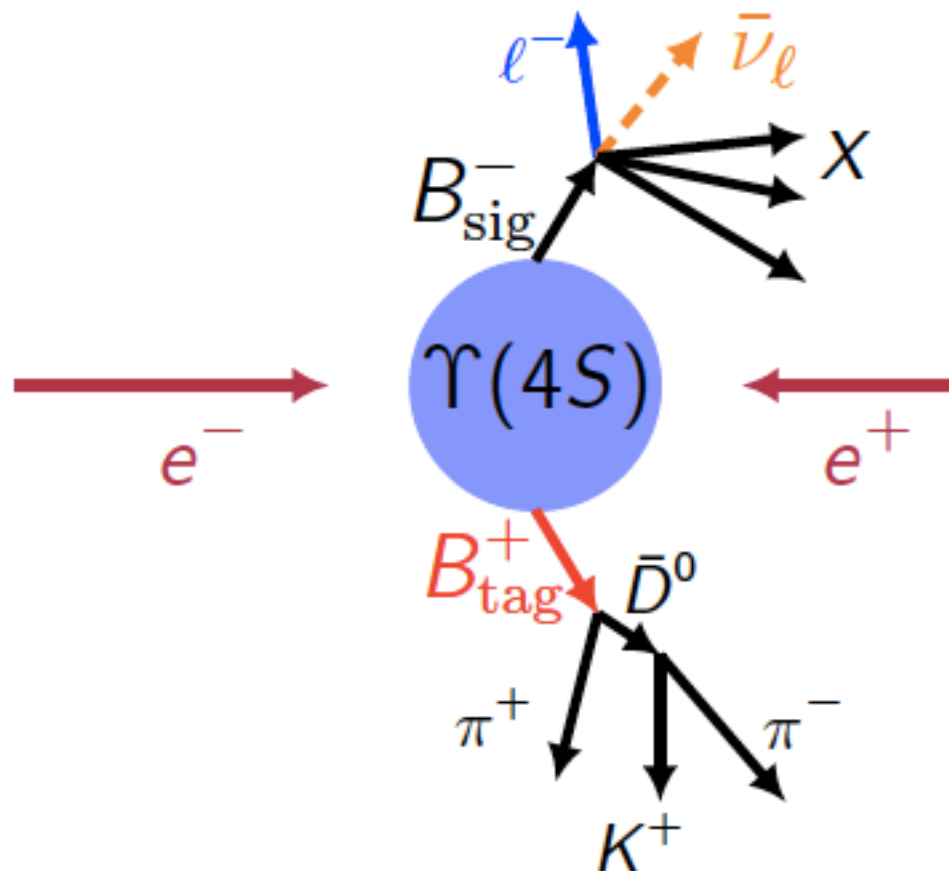
$$I_{K\pi} = -0.03 \pm 0.13(\text{stat}) \pm 0.05(\text{syst})$$

# Which Belle II capabilities might be relevant for BSM physics ?

Full and equally strong capabilities for **electrons** and **muons**

**Photons**,  $K_S$ 's with excellent resolution and efficiency

Neutrinos via **"missing energy"** and missing momentum. **Hermeticity.**



**Another Belle II  
"Superpower"**

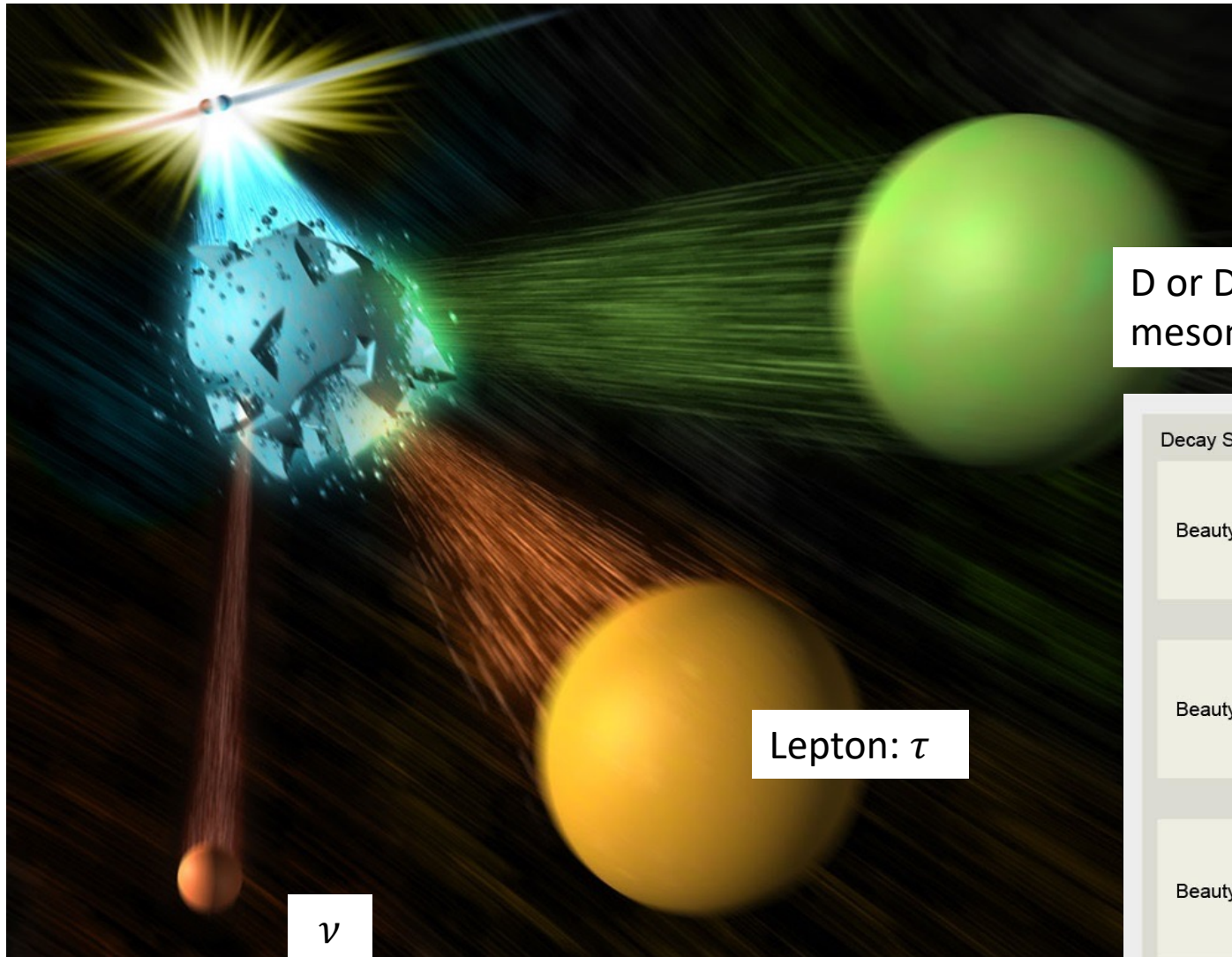
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.06096>

This is now called **FEI**  
"Full Event Interpretation"  
and uses large numbers of  
tag modes via a **BDT**  
(Boosted Decision Tree).

*Clean but efficiency  $\varepsilon \sim 0.5\%$*

T. Keck et al., Comput. Softw. Big Sci. 3, 6  
(2019), arXiv:1807.08680 [hep-ex].

# Possible **breakdown of lepton universality** in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu$

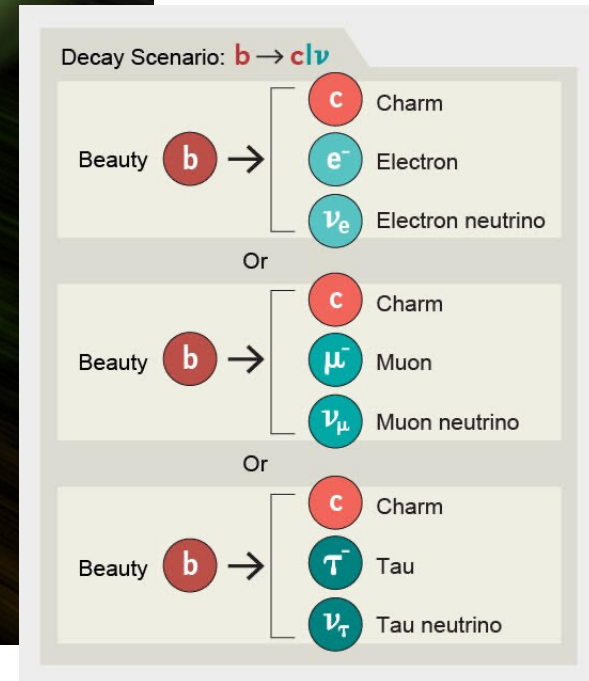


D or D\*  
meson

Lepton  
Universality

Lepton:  $\tau$

$\nu$

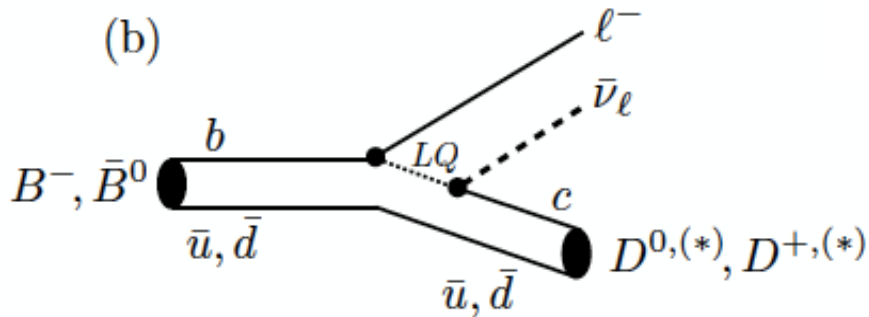


Note this picture has a production process (EM) and a weak decay

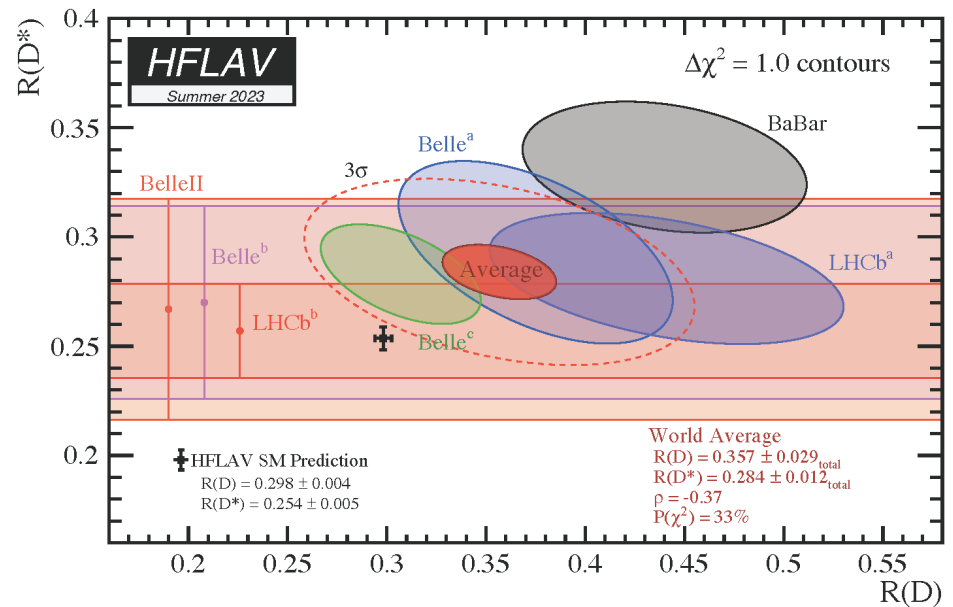
# $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu$ , possible breakdown of **lepton universality**

$$R_D^{(*)} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \nu_\ell)}$$

Normally mediated by virtual  $W$  charged current.  
 Some BSM physics possibilities (**leptoquarks (LQ)**, charged Higgs type 3 etc.):



*This might be BSM in the weak  $b \rightarrow c$  charged current*



Belle, Belle II, BaBar, LHCb combined:  
 Some evidence of **lepton universality breakdown** in semileptonic B decays with  $\tau$  leptons.

**With the first Belle II result**, the combined deviation is  $3.3\sigma$  from the SM. (see <https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.02840>, submitted to PRD.)

**Future:** Look at  $q^2$ , angular distributions to detect BSM physics.





# Lepton Universality Tests in $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ transitions

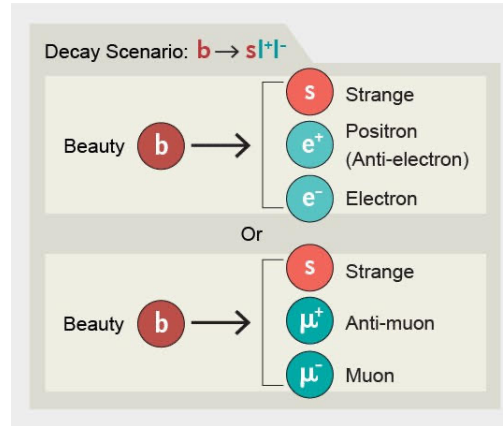
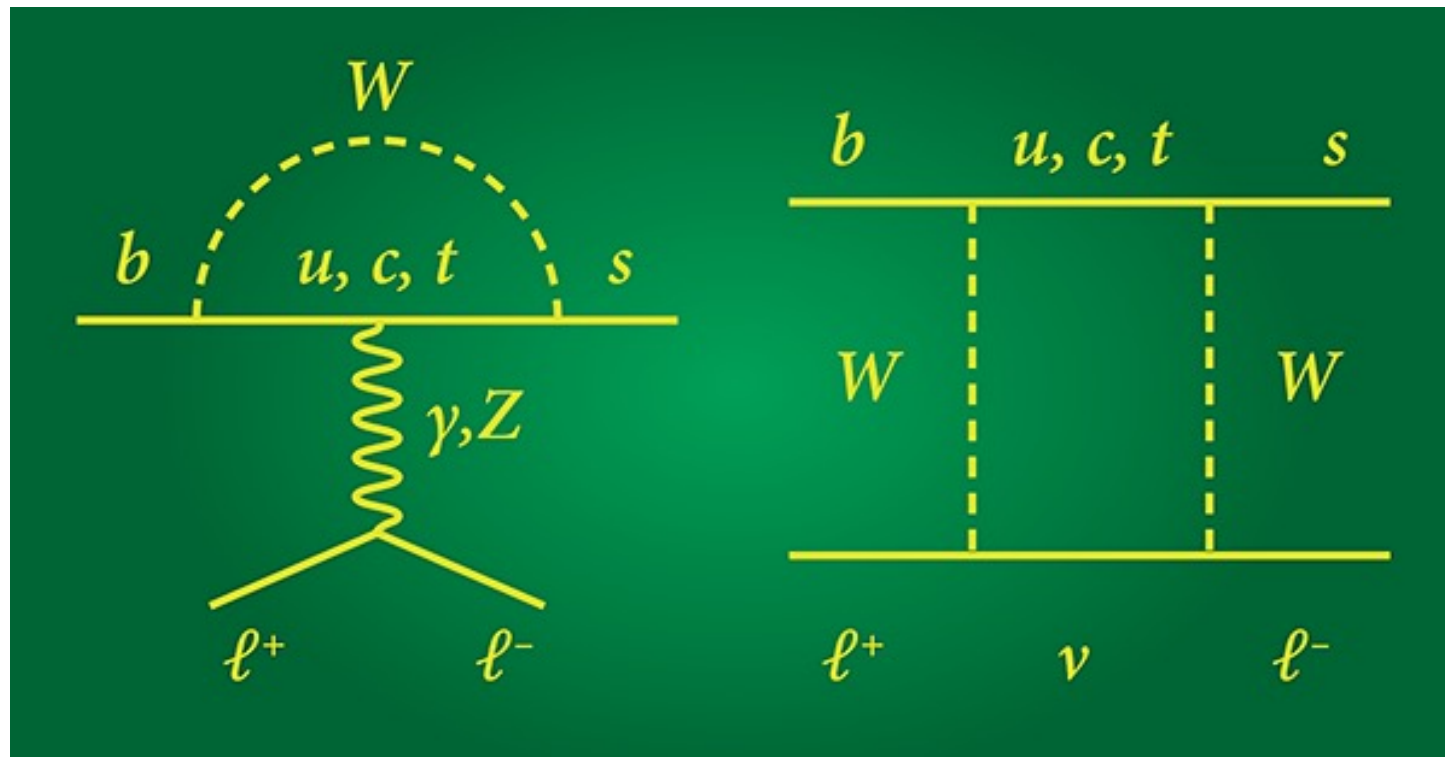


Figure credit: Scientific American



“Electroweak Penguin”

“Box”

Possible breakdown of **Lepton Universality** in  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  transitions by the LHCb experiment at CERN, was reported in 2021.

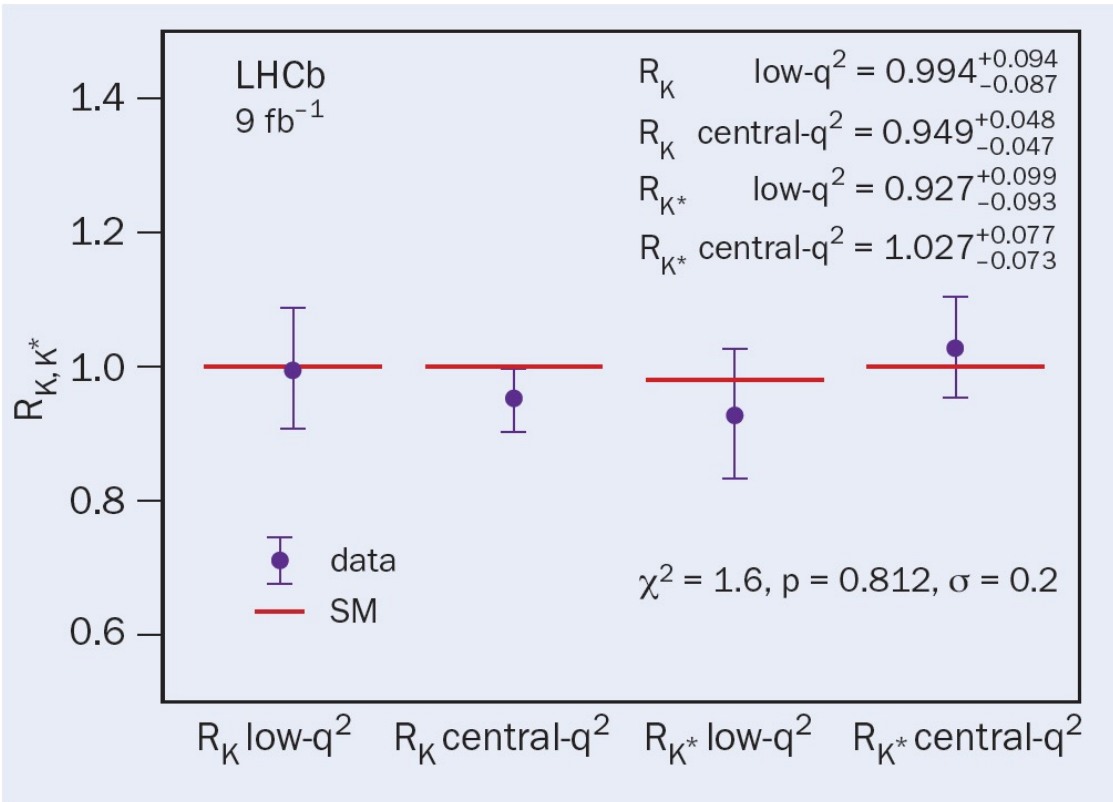
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11769>,  
And published in Nature

Alas, a mistake was found:

Details in  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.09153>

Updated results with  $R_K$   
consistent with unity  
published in  
PRL 131, 058013 (2023)

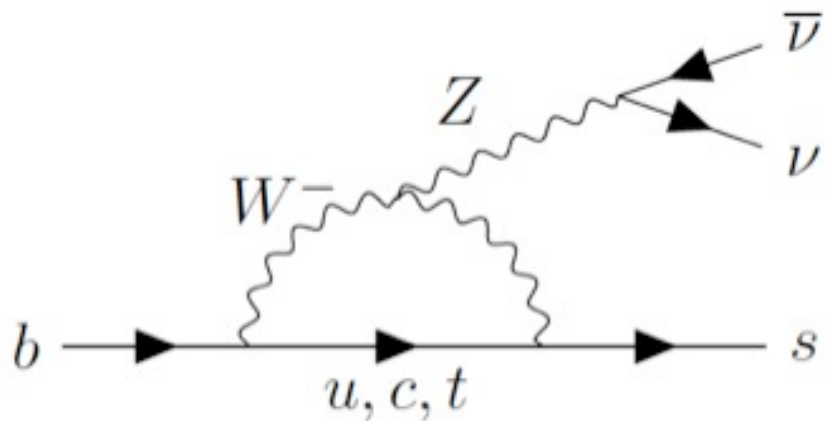
Still hints in angular asymmetries



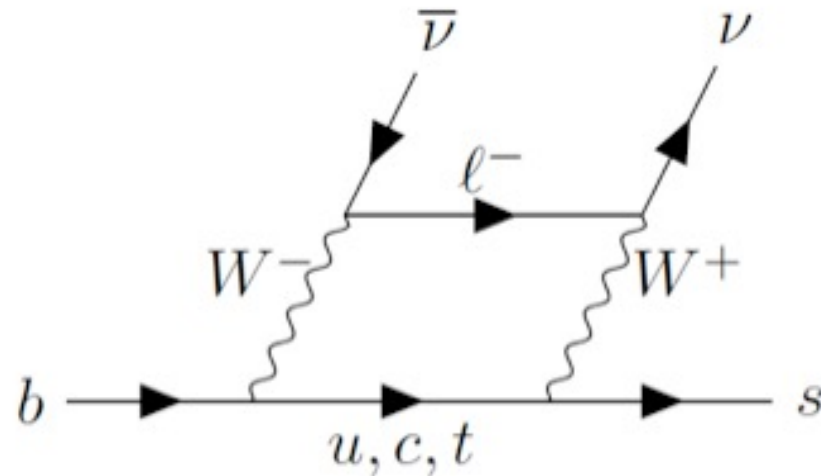
“Although a component of this shift can be attributed to statistical effects, it is understood that this change is primarily due to systematic effects,” explains LHCb spokesperson Chris Parkes of the University of Manchester. “The systematic shift in  $R(K)$  in the central  $q^2$  region compared to the 2021 result stems from an improved understanding of misidentified hadronic backgrounds to electrons, due to an underestimation of such backgrounds and the description of the distribution of these components in the fit. New datasets will allow us to further research this interesting topic, along with other key measurements relevant to the flavour anomalies.” –CERN Courier Dec 2022



# $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ : BSM without hadronic uncertainties



(a) Penguin diagram



(b) Box diagram



Andrezej Buras

Note that in contrast to  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} l^+ l^-$  angular asymmetries, there are **NO** “dirty” long distance (charm annihilation)  $b \rightarrow c \bar{c} s$  contributions from  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^{(*)}$  and  $B \rightarrow \psi(2S) K^{(*)}$

For example, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.4557>

The  $B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \nu \bar{\nu}$  **missing energy modes** are accessible to **Belle II** (and Belle), but might be difficult at a hadron experiment.



# Signal: $B \rightarrow K \nu \nu$

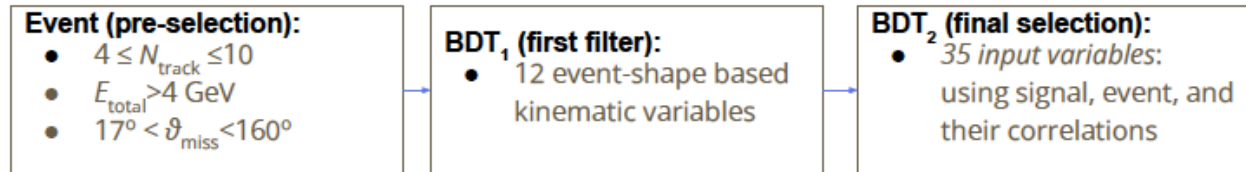
[Belle II reports a  $3.5\sigma$  excess or “evidence”]

<http://arxiv.org/abs/2311.14647> (submitted to PRD)

- **Signal candidate:**
  - an identified charged kaon that gives the minimal mass of the neutrino pair  $q_{\text{rec}}^2$  (computed as  $K^+$  recoil)

## New Technique

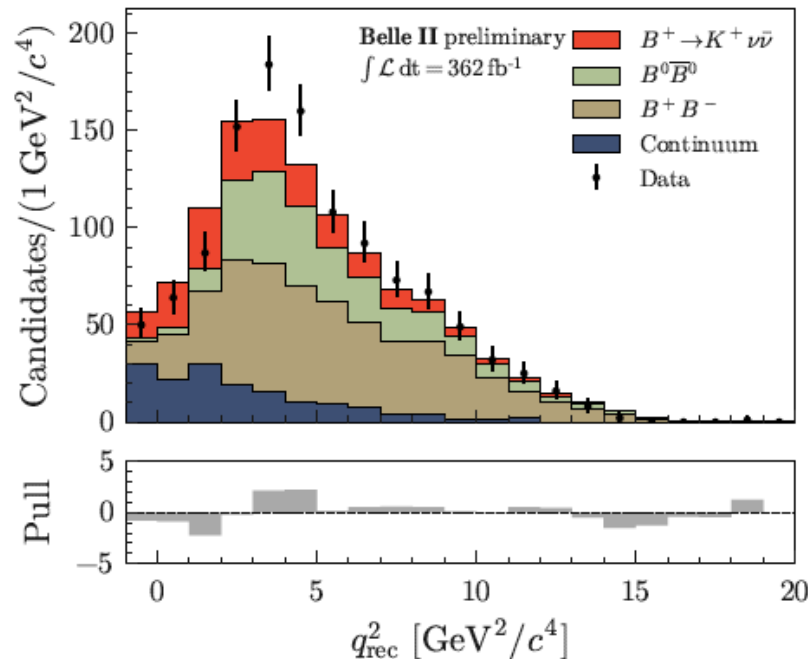
from Belle II  
with inclusive ROE  
(Rest of the Event)  
tagging. (X 10-20  $\epsilon$   
compared to FEI,  
but large bkg).



Distributions for the signal-enhanced region in the ITA  
(Inclusive tagged analysis)

Now add on some  
ML/AI (boosted  
decision trees or  
BDTs) to help us  
tame the large  
backgrounds.

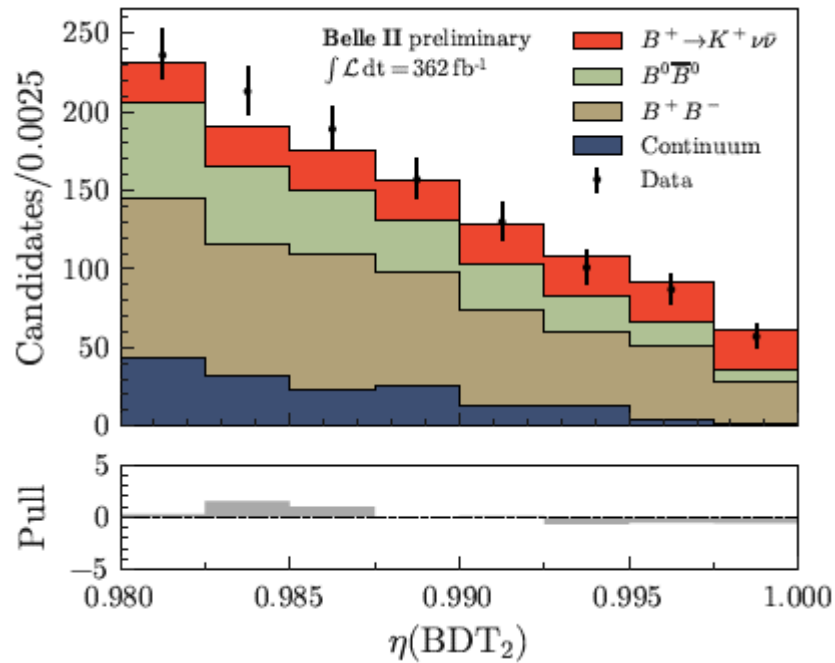
Fits in bins of BDT2  
and  $q^2$



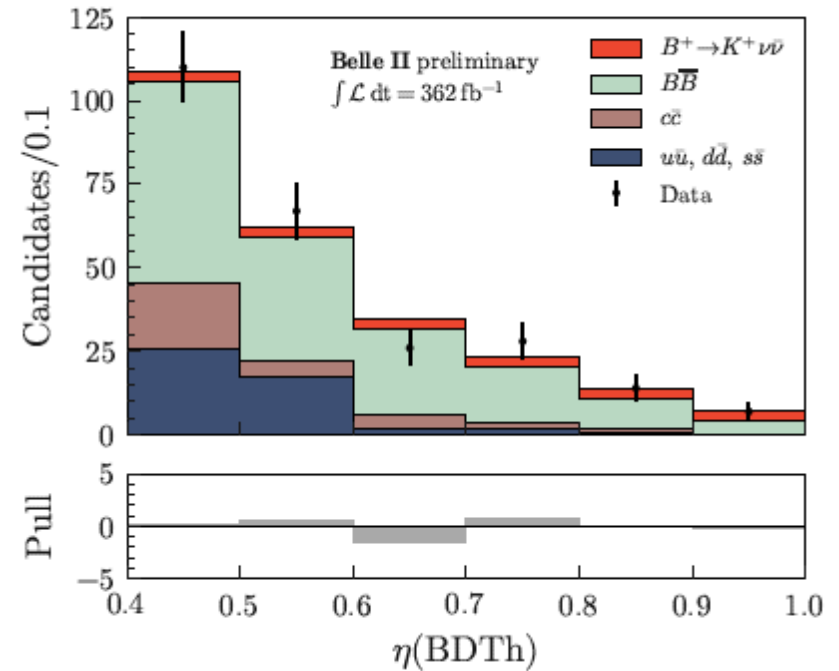


Signal:  $B \rightarrow K \nu \nu$

Inclusive tagged  
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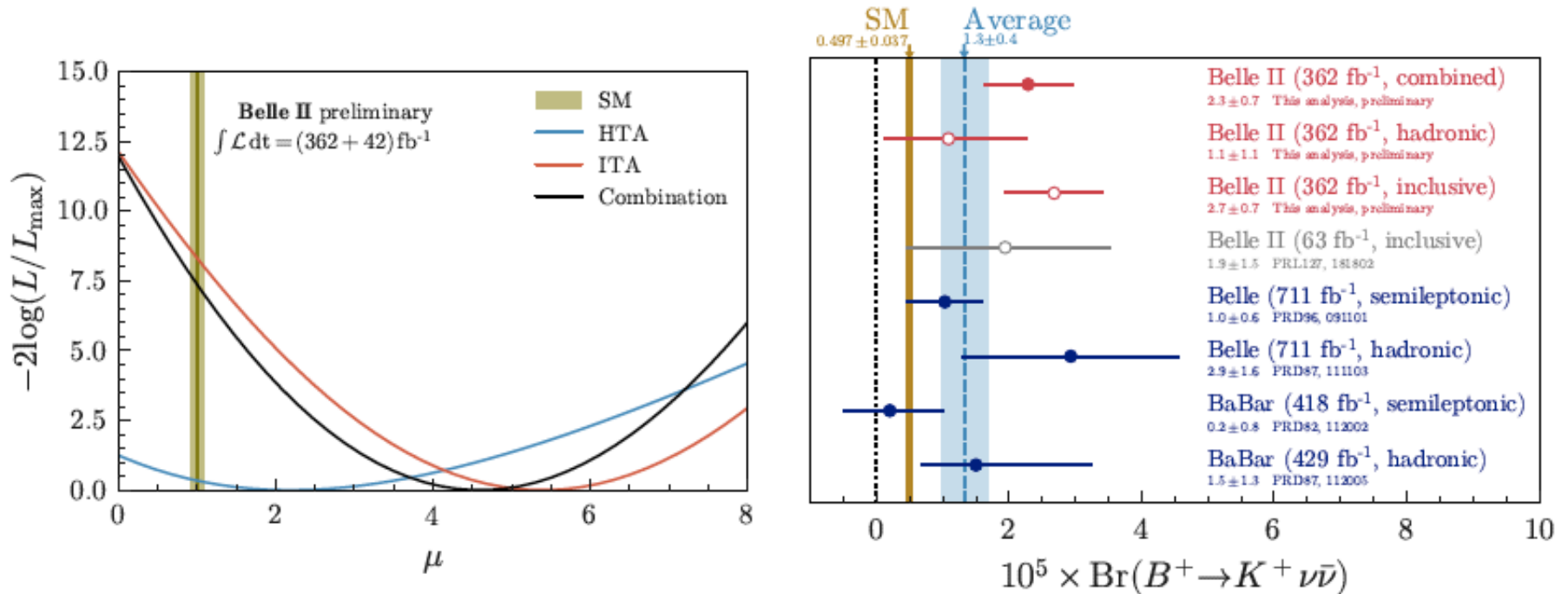


Consistency check with  
the lower sensitivity FEI  
hadronic tag.



$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ :

Combination and comparison with other measurements.



$$\text{BF}(B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}) = (2.3 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5}$$

Significance of signal excess is 3.5 standard deviations. The signal is 2.7 $\sigma$  above the SM expectation.



# $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$ : BSM without hadronic uncertainties

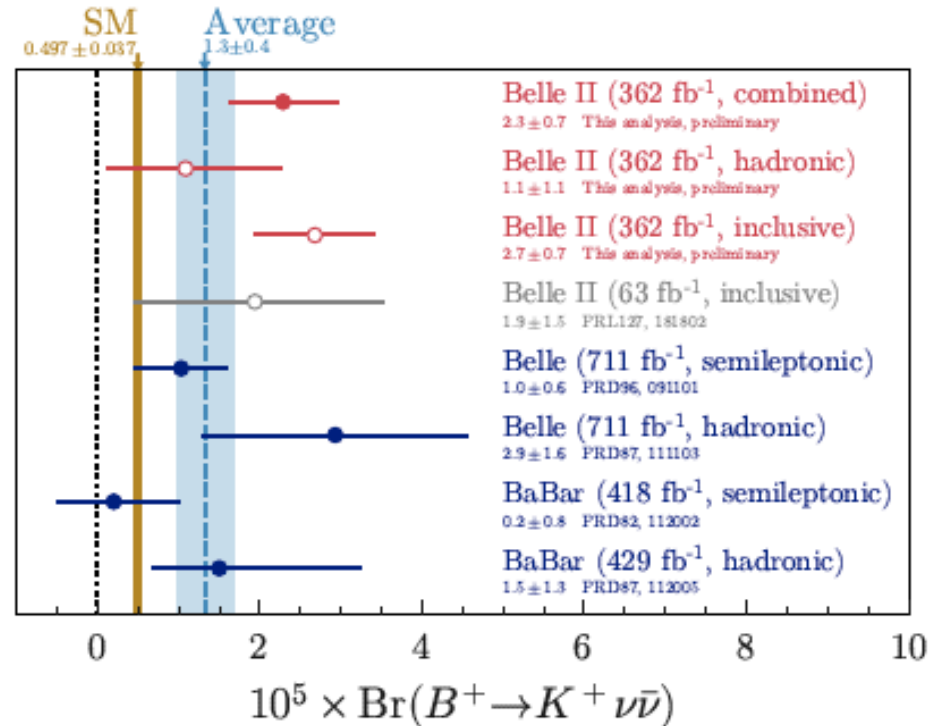
A new anomaly is emerging (now  $\sim 2.7\sigma$  from the SM)

$$B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$$

New Technique from Belle II with inclusive ROE (Rest of the Event) tagging.

Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 181802, (2021) and a consistency check with hadronic FEI.

Can now apply to old Belle data too.



It is quite possible that NP shows up in  $b \rightarrow s \nu \bar{\nu}$  and not  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  or vice-versa.

Maybe third generation couplings  $b \rightarrow s \tau^+ \tau^-$  are enhanced

Dark matter could also play a major role.

>>> This is one way that Belle II could discover BSM Physics soon <<<



# Potential for **BSM Discoveries** with Belle II@SuperKEKB/ "Take home or Apres ski" message

Quantum mechanics, **entanglement**, **symmetry** and **symmetry breaking** are at the heart of the particle physics in Belle II

- Belle II is exploring **BSM Physics** on the Luminosity or Intensity Frontier. *This is different from the LHC high  $p_T$  program*
- **Hints of BSM physics in  $B \rightarrow K \nu \bar{\nu}$  (start of a program)**

*What's next, going beyond  $R_K$ , (see the backup),  
angular asymmetries in  $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$  and  $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$ ???*

Chiral Belle: add  $e^-$  polarization to SuperKEKB (see the backup)

Strong interactions (more backup):

Belle II results on new hadrons with  $b \bar{b}$  quarks (10.75 GeV scan)

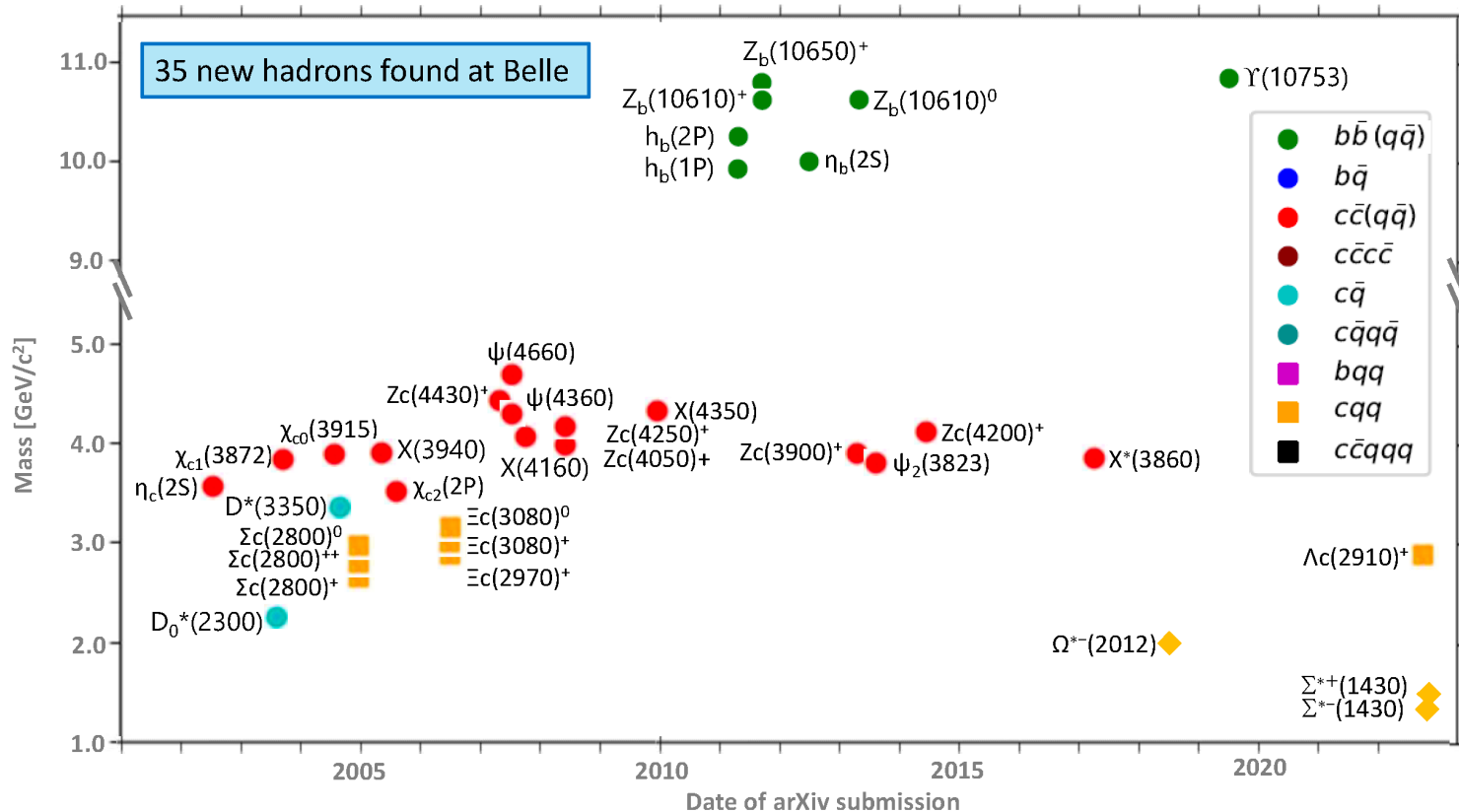
Measurements relevant to the  $g-2$  mystery e.g.  $\sigma(e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$



# Backup slides



# New Particles at Belle (and being investigated at Belle II)

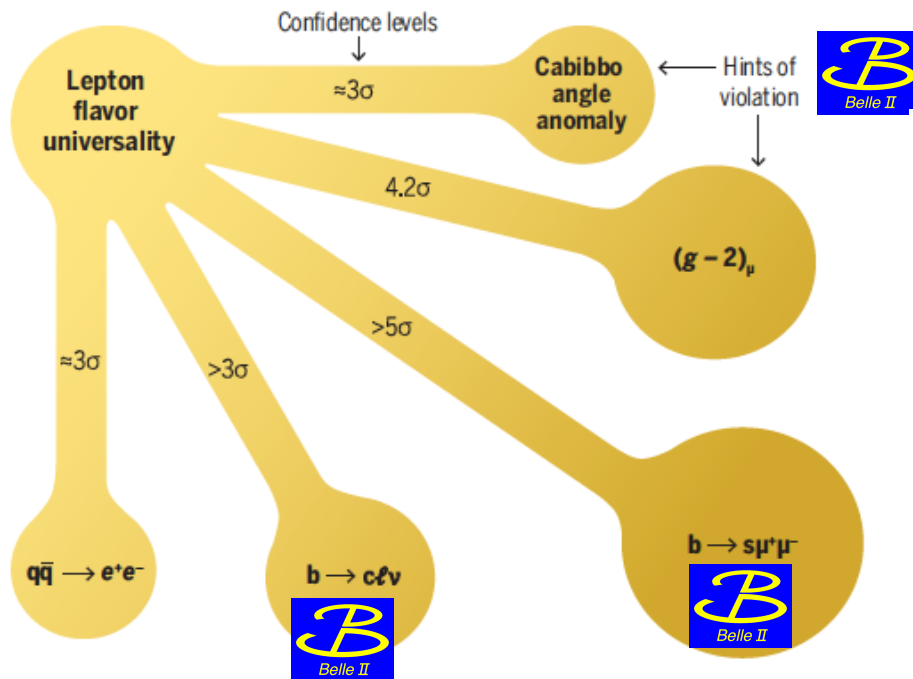


35 new hadrons were found at Belle. 10 of these are "exotic" and cannot be explained in the conventional quark model while the nature of 8 of them are still under investigation. The remaining 17 states are consistent with the quark model. Measurements of all these states will provide critical insights for QCD.

# But wait there's more.....

## Possible violations of lepton flavor universality are getting harder to ignore

Shown are five hints for the violation of lepton flavor universality from existing experimental data, with the size of each circle and length of each arm reflecting the level of confidence for the experimental data to break away from standard model predictions.



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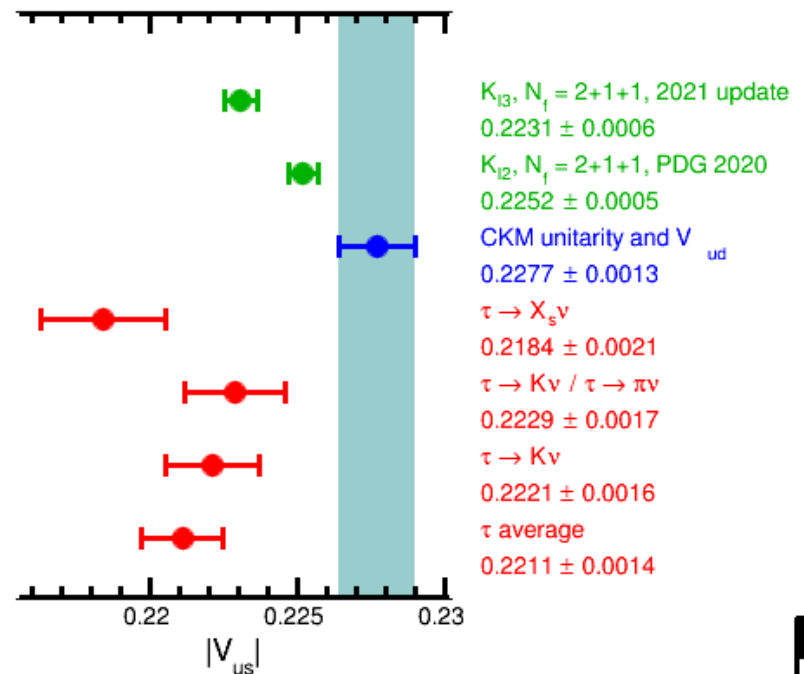
A major supporting role of Belle II in the resolution of two more of the other HEP anomalies.

## Belle II can contribute to the resolution of the Cabibbo Angle Anomaly (CAA)



There is a  $\sim 3\sigma$  discrepancy between  $|V_{us}|$  measured from tau and kaon semileptonic decays.

*Belle II will measure  $|V_{us}|$  in inclusive tau decays to high precision*



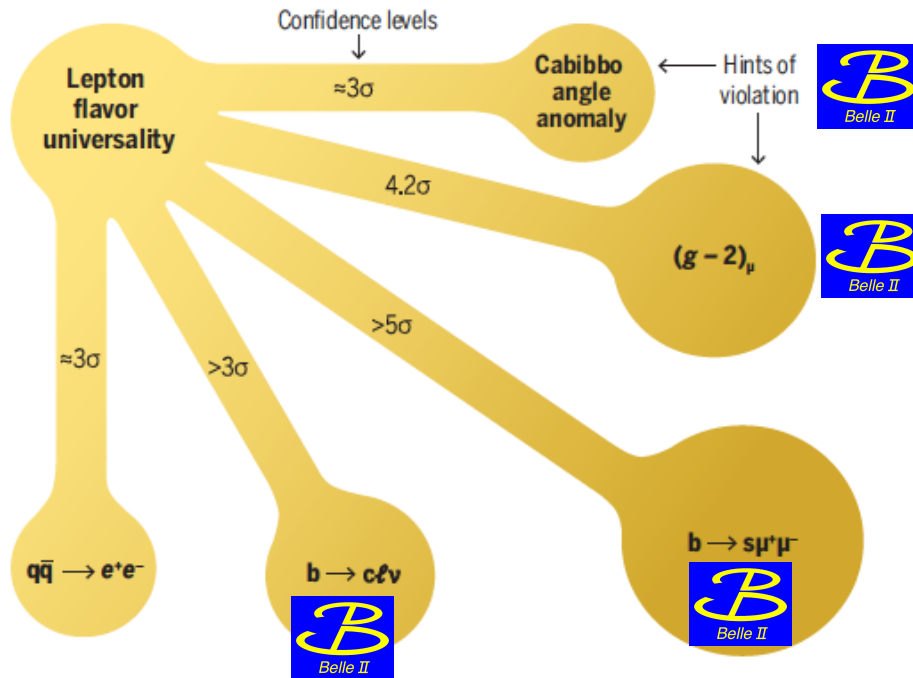
The CAA could be another hint of lepton flavor universality violation



+But wait there's still more.....

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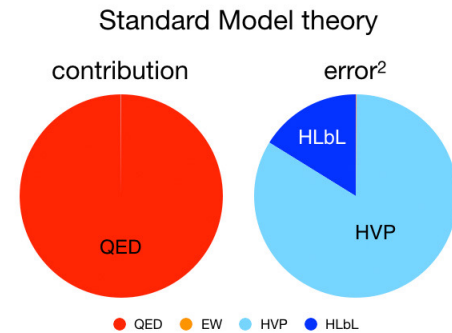
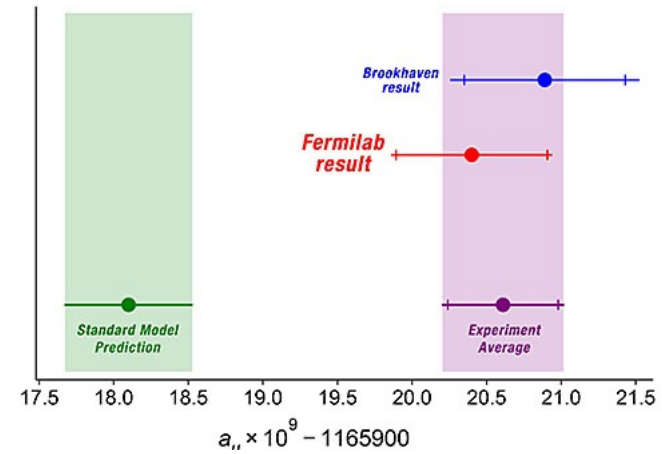
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## Belle II can contribute to $g-2$



KLOE and BaBar, CMD3 data disagree

*Belle II can measure the cross-section for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi\pi$  vs  $\sqrt{s}$  and reduce the hadronic vacuum polarization error in  $g-2$  (dominant theory uncertainty). This could help to determine whether there really is BSM Physics in  $g-2$  (muon).*



# Belle II sensitivities to $B \rightarrow K(^*) \nu \text{ nubar}$ at Snowmass

Snowmass proceedings: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06307>

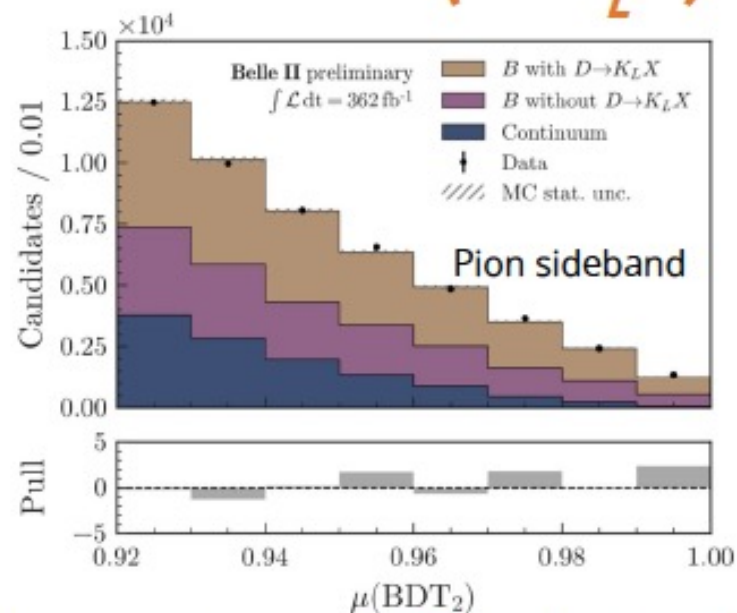
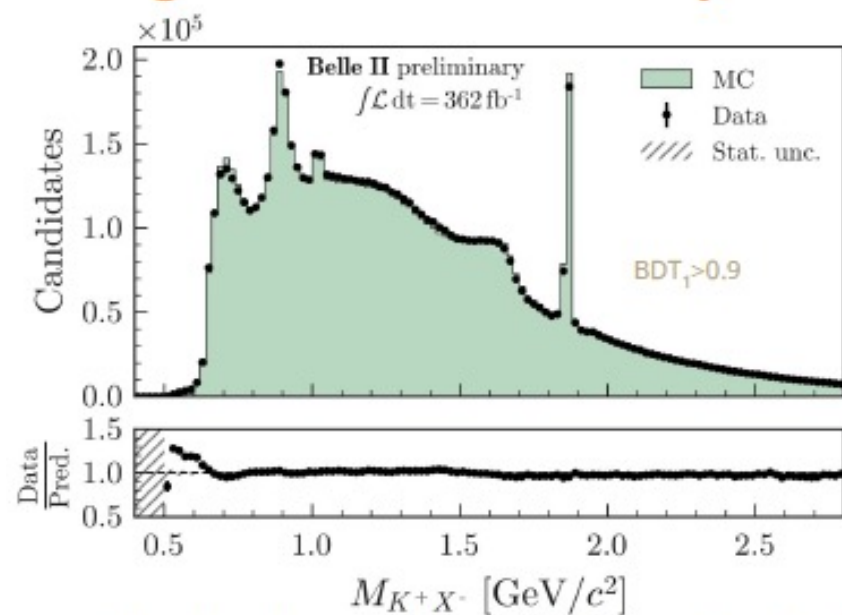
Table 3: Baseline (improved) expectations for the uncertainties on the signal strength  $\mu$  (relative to the SM strength) for the four decay modes as functions of data set size.

Decay	1 ab <sup>-1</sup>	5 ab <sup>-1</sup>	10 ab <sup>-1</sup>	50 ab <sup>-1</sup>
$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \mathcal{D}$	0.55 (0.37)	0.28 (0.19)	0.21 (0.14)	0.11 (0.08)
$B^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \nu \mathcal{D}$	2.06 (1.37)	1.31 (0.87)	1.05 (0.70)	0.59 (0.40)
$B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \nu \mathcal{D}$	2.04 (1.45)	1.06 (0.75)	0.83 (0.59)	0.53 (0.38)
$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \nu \mathcal{D}$	1.08 (0.72)	0.60 (0.40)	0.49 (0.33)	0.34 (0.23)

higher signal efficiency and better sensitivity than any previous approach, as shown by the Belle II  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \mathcal{D}$  branching fraction results [80].

**Program:** In the future, Belle II should be able to measure  $B \rightarrow K$   $\nu \text{ nubar}$ ,  $K^* \nu \text{ nubar}$ ,  $q^2$  spectra and  $K^*$  polarization.

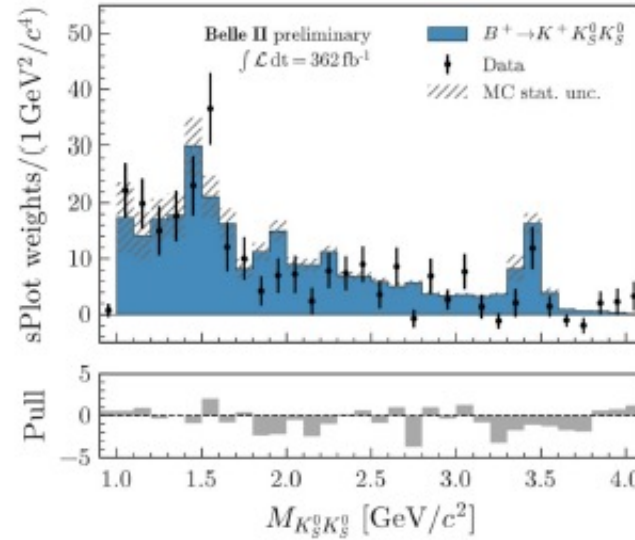
# Background from $B \rightarrow D(\rightarrow K^+ X) l \nu$ and $B \rightarrow K^+ D(\rightarrow K_L X)$



- Main backgrounds: semileptonic  $B \rightarrow D(\rightarrow K^+ X) l \nu$  decays and prompt  $B \rightarrow K^+ X$  production (>90%)
- Semileptonic decays suppressed by several MVA variables, checked at each selection step
- Prompt  $K^+$  production studied using prompt  $\pi^+$  from  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ X$  (and  $l^+$  from  $B^+ \rightarrow l^+ X$ ) decays
- Systematic uncertainties on decay branching fractions, enlarged for  $D(\rightarrow K_L X)$  and  $B \rightarrow D^{**} l \nu$

# Background from $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^0 K^0$

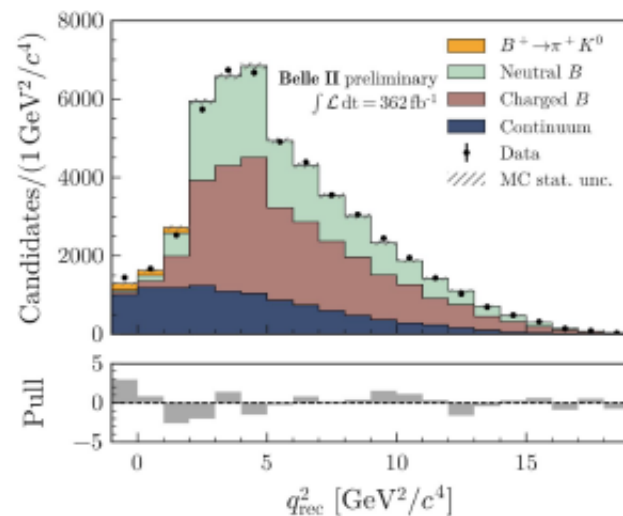
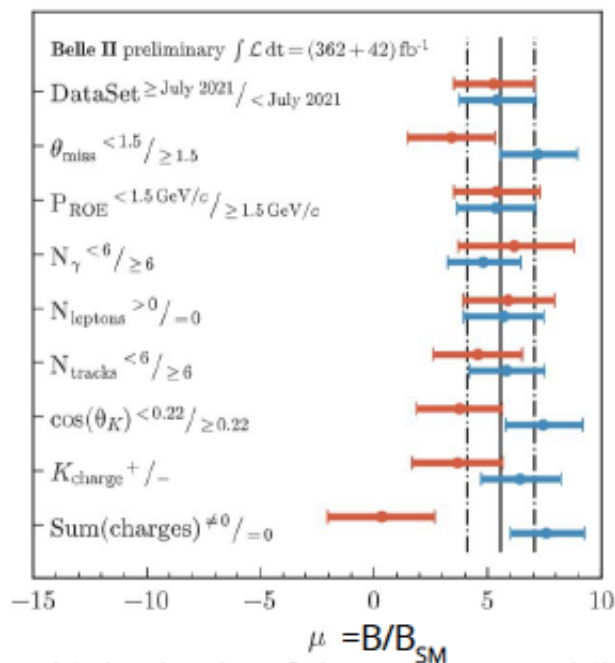
Most signal-like backgrounds



$\leftarrow B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S K_S$  decays

- Backgrounds from  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ nn$  and  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^0 K^0$  have branching fractions of few  $\times 10^{-5}$ , however  $K_L$  and neutrons can **escape** EM calorimeter
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K^0 K^0$  modeled based on BaBar analysis ([arXiv:1201.5897](https://arxiv.org/abs/1201.5897))
- Dedicated checks of  $K_L$  **performance** in calorimeter using radiative  $\varphi$  production
- Dedicated checks using  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S K_S$  and  $B^0 \rightarrow K_S^+ K^+ K^-$  control channels

## Cross checks



$$B(B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0) = (2.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\text{PDG: } (2.38 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-5}$$

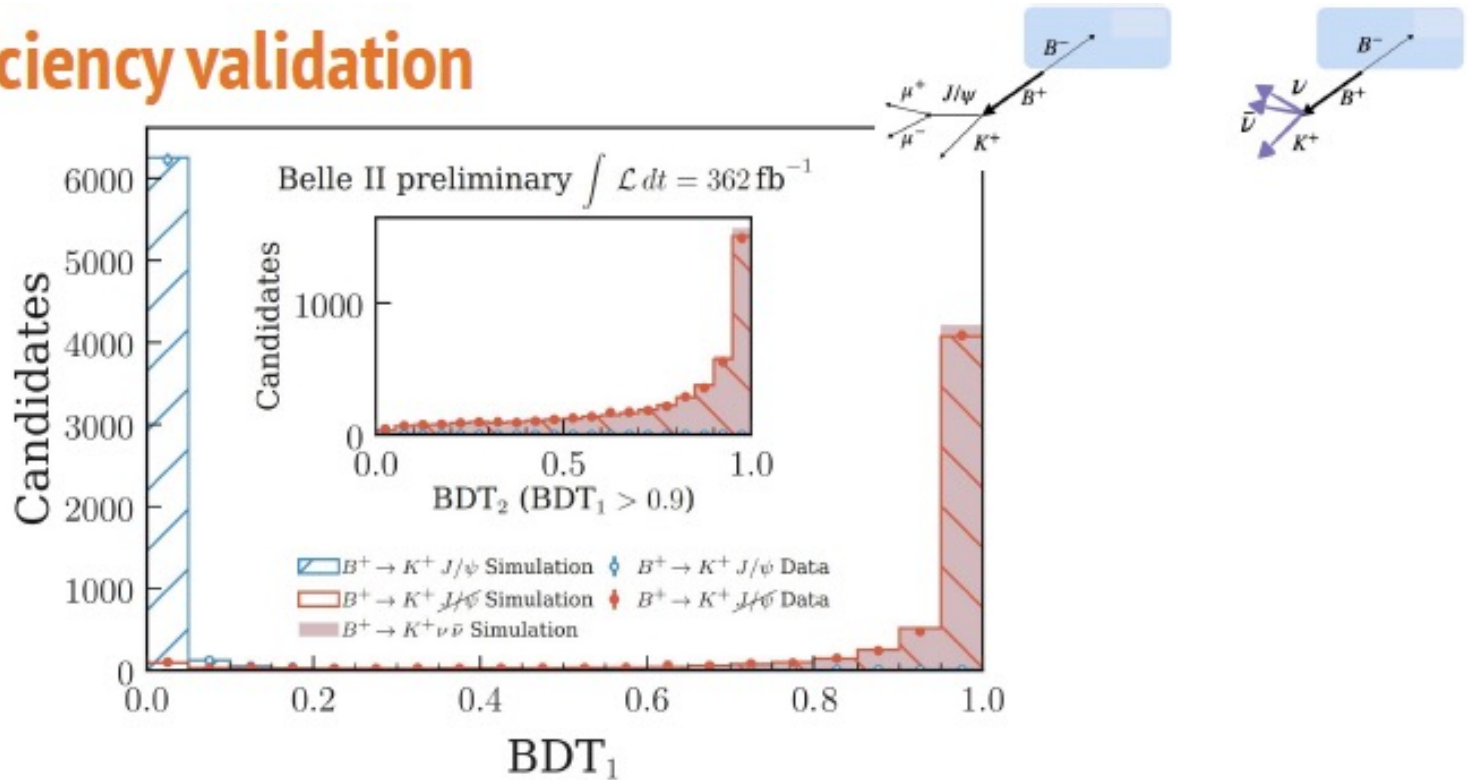
- Multiple checks of the analyses stability, including tests dividing data into approximately equal sub-samples. Reported here as measured branching fraction divided by SM expectation,  $\mu = B/B_{\text{SM}}$ .
- Control measurement of  $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ K^0$  decay



## Systematic uncertainties of the inclusive analysis

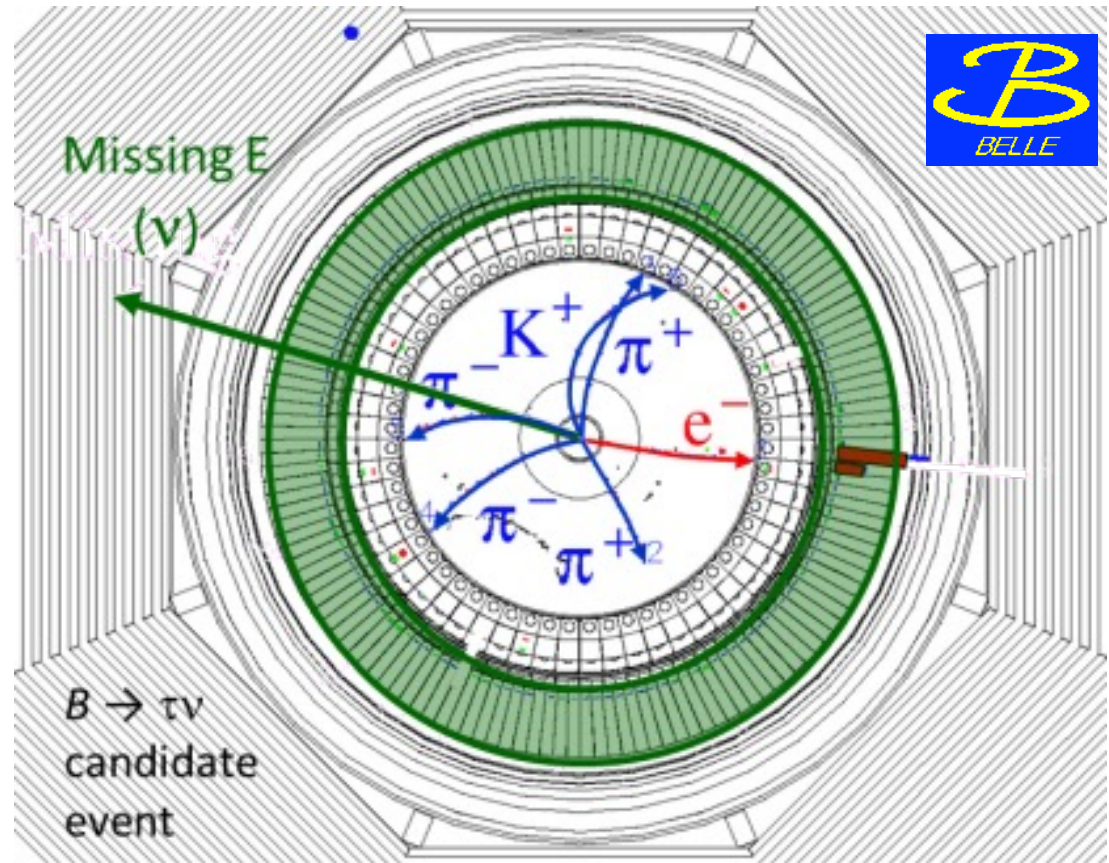
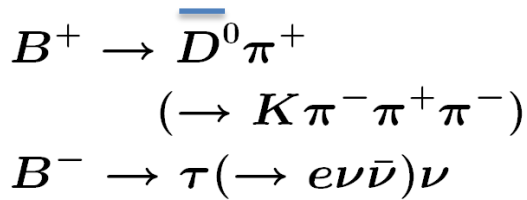
Source	Correction	Uncertainty type	Uncertainty size	Impact on $\sigma_\mu$
Normalization of $B\bar{B}$ background	—	Global, 2 NP	50%	0.88
Normalization of continuum background	—	Global, 5 NP	50%	0.10
Leading $B$ -decays branching fractions	—	Shape, 5 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.22
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_L^0 K_L^0$	$q^2$ dependent $O(100\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	20%	0.49
$p$ -wave component for $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ K_S^0 K_L^0$	$q^2$ dependent $O(100\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	30%	0.02
Branching fraction for $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$	—	Shape, 1 NP	50%	0.42
Branching fraction for $B^+ \rightarrow n\bar{n}K^+$	$q^2$ dependent $O(100\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	100%	0.20
Branching fraction for $D \rightarrow K_L X$	+30%	Shape, 1 NP	10%	0.14
Continuum background modeling, BDT <sub>c</sub>	Multivariate $O(10\%)$	Shape, 1 NP	100% of correction	0.01
Integrated luminosity	—	Global, 1 NP	1%	< 0.01
Number of $B\bar{B}$	—	Global, 1 NP	1.5%	0.02
Off-resonance sample normalization	—	Global, 1 NP	5%	0.05
Track finding efficiency	—	Shape, 1 NP	0.3%	0.20
Signal kaon PID	$p, \theta$ dependent $O(10 - 100\%)$	Shape, 7 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.07
Photon energy scale	—	Shape, 1 NP	0.5%	0.08
Hadronic energy scale	-10%	Shape, 1 NP	10%	0.36
$K_L^0$ efficiency in ECL	-17%	Shape, 1 NP	8%	0.21
Signal SM form factors	$q^2$ dependent $O(1\%)$	Shape, 3 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.02
Global signal efficiency	—	Global, 1 NP	3%	0.03
MC statistics	—	Shape, 156 NP	$O(1\%)$	0.52

# Signal efficiency validation



- Use cleanly reconstructed  $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  decays with  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  pair removed and  $K^+$  kinematics adjusted to validate the **signal efficiency** in simulation. The ratio of data/simulation efficiency in the signal region is  **$1.00 \pm 0.03$**

Example of a Missing Energy Decay ( $B \rightarrow \tau \nu$ ) in old Belle Data  
(recorded before 2010)



*The clean  $e^+e^-$  environment (and the CsI(Tl) crystal calorimeter) makes this possible.*

# Realizing "Buras' clean dream" in Belle II ?

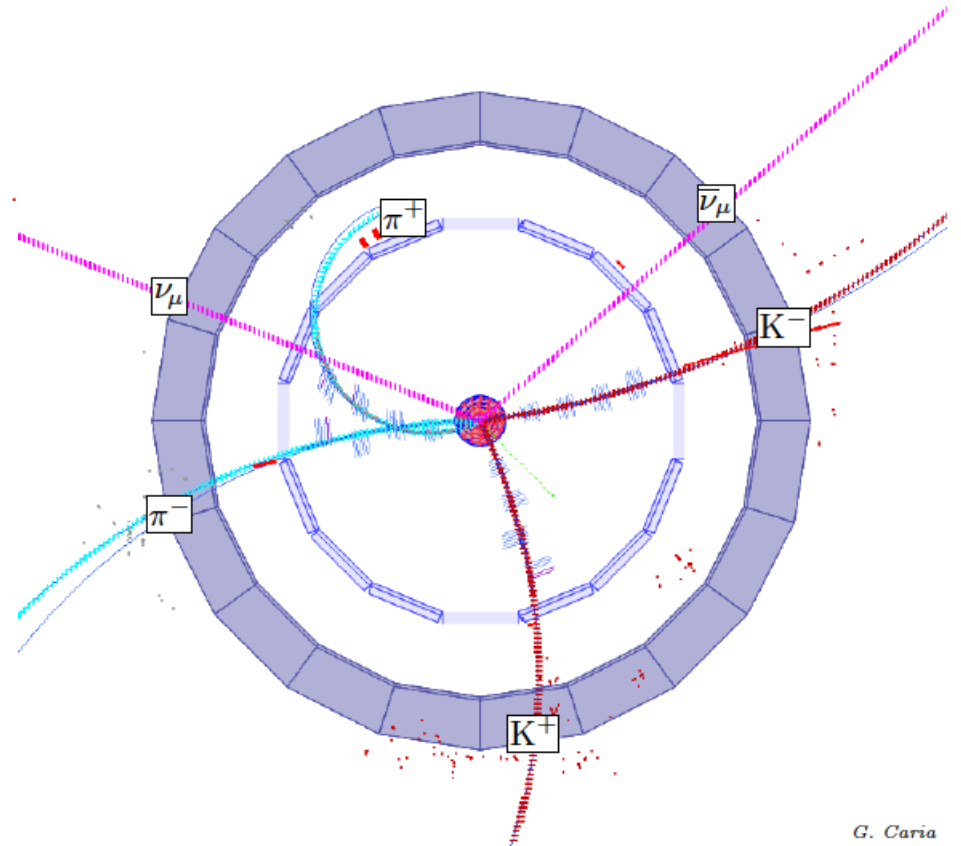
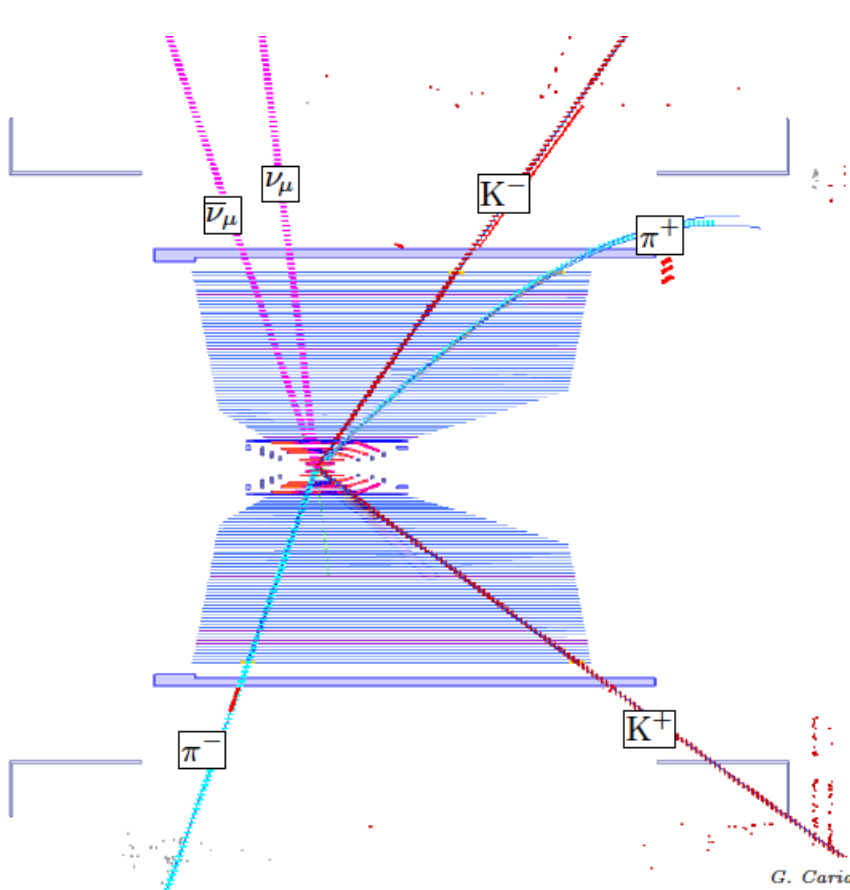
"Missing Energy Decay" in a Belle II GEANT4 MC simulation

Signal:  $B \rightarrow K \nu \nu$

tag mode:  $B \rightarrow D\pi$ ;  $D \rightarrow K\pi$

View in r-z

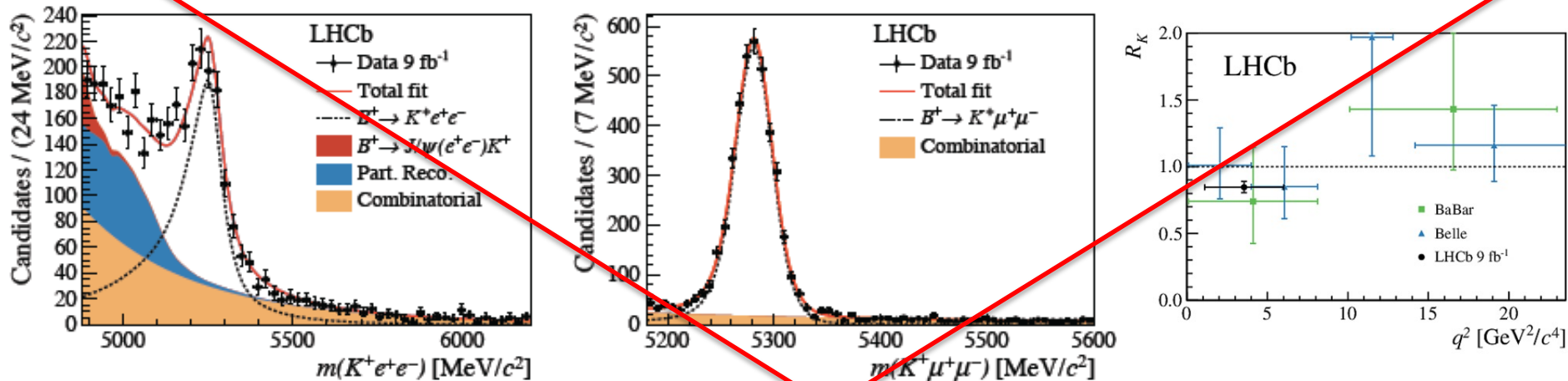
Zoomed view of the vertex region in r--phi





Possible breakdown of **Lepton Universality** in  $b \rightarrow s l^+ l^-$  transitions by the LHCb experiment at CERN, reported in 2021.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11769>, published in Nature



$$R_K = \frac{BF(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{BF(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+)} / \frac{BF(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ e^+ e^-)}{BF(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi(\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+)}$$

$$R_K(1.1 \leq q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2/c^4) = 0.846^{+0.042+0.013}_{-0.039-0.012}$$

<1 (lepton universality prediction)

And thus this *might indicate* the **breakdown** of the Standard Model of Particle Physics ( $3.1 \sigma$ )

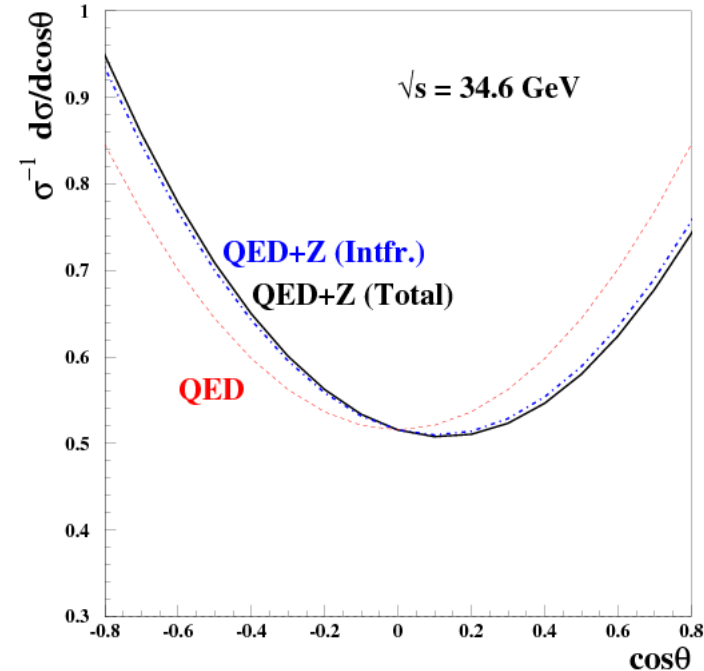
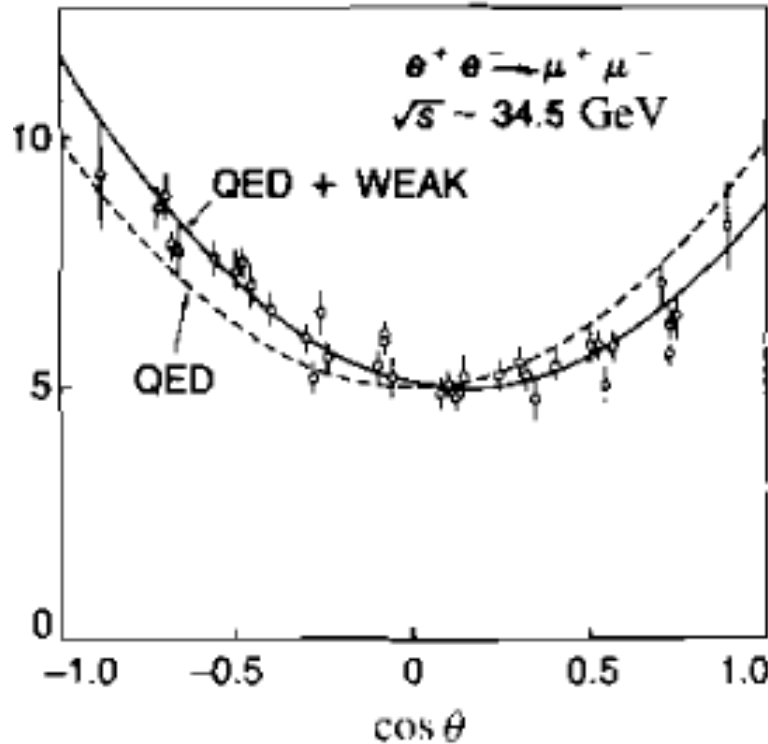
Note:  $q^2 = M^2(l^+ l^-)$



# High Energy Physics History: finding NP in $A_{FB}$ (using interference)



SLAC



Conclusion from this **angular distribution**: There is a Z boson at higher energy **even though** colliders of the time did not have enough  $\sqrt{s}$  to produce it  
( $|A|^2 + |B|^2 + 2 A^* B$ )

## Time for a shift in thinking: (after $R_K$ disappeared)

Look for lepton universality violation in  $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$  (and  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$ ) angular distributions or  $b \rightarrow s$   $\text{nu nubar}$ .

Use "Delta"  $\Delta$  observables (comparing electron and muon angular distributions) to fit for BSM Wilson coefficient contributions

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.06827>

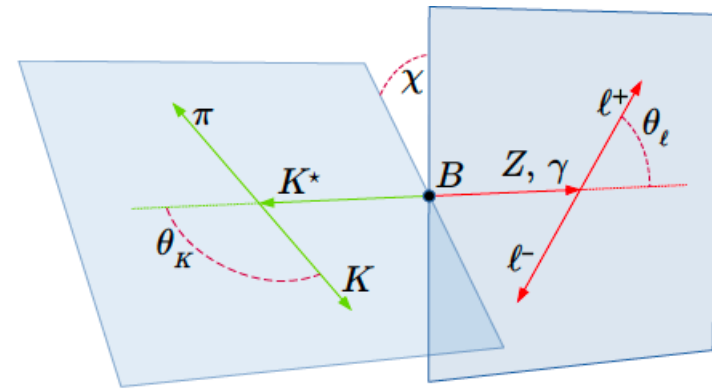


FIG. 1. The  $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$  decay and the subsequent  $K^* \rightarrow K \pi$  decay kinematic parameters.

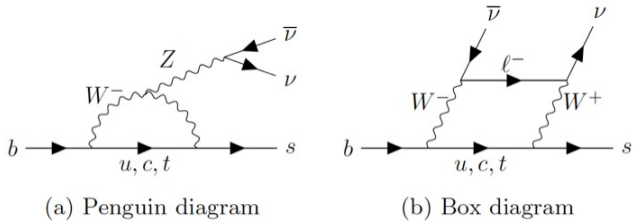


Equally strong detection capabilities for electrons and muons. Already publishing a number of lepton universality tests. Ideally suited for this mission but large Belle II datasets are needed.

# Feynman Diagrams and Model Building



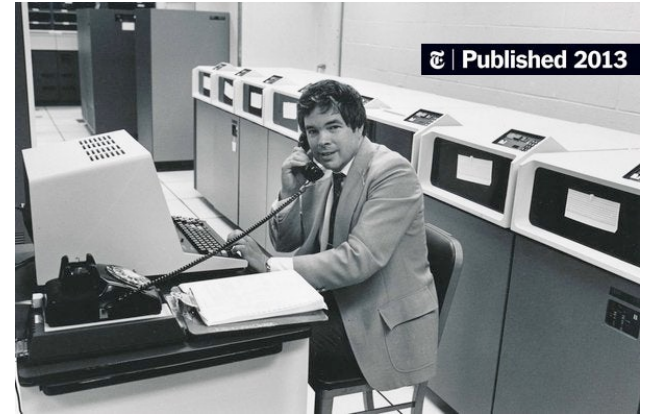
Feynman family and diagrams



## Paradigm shift



# Effective Field Theory → Wilson Coefficients



Ken Wilson ("Wilson coefficients")



## $C_7, C_9, C_{10}$

## New Physics/BSM Couplings in $b \rightarrow s$

The effective Hamiltonian for  $b \rightarrow s$  transitions can be written as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_i (C_i O_i + C'_i O'_i) + \text{h.c.}$$

and we consider NP effects in the following set of dimension-6 operators,

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow O_9 &= (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell), & O'_9 &= (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \ell), \\ O_{10} &= (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_L b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell), & O'_{10} &= (\bar{s}\gamma_\mu P_R b)(\bar{\ell}\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell). \end{aligned}$$

The primes are NP **right-handed** couplings.

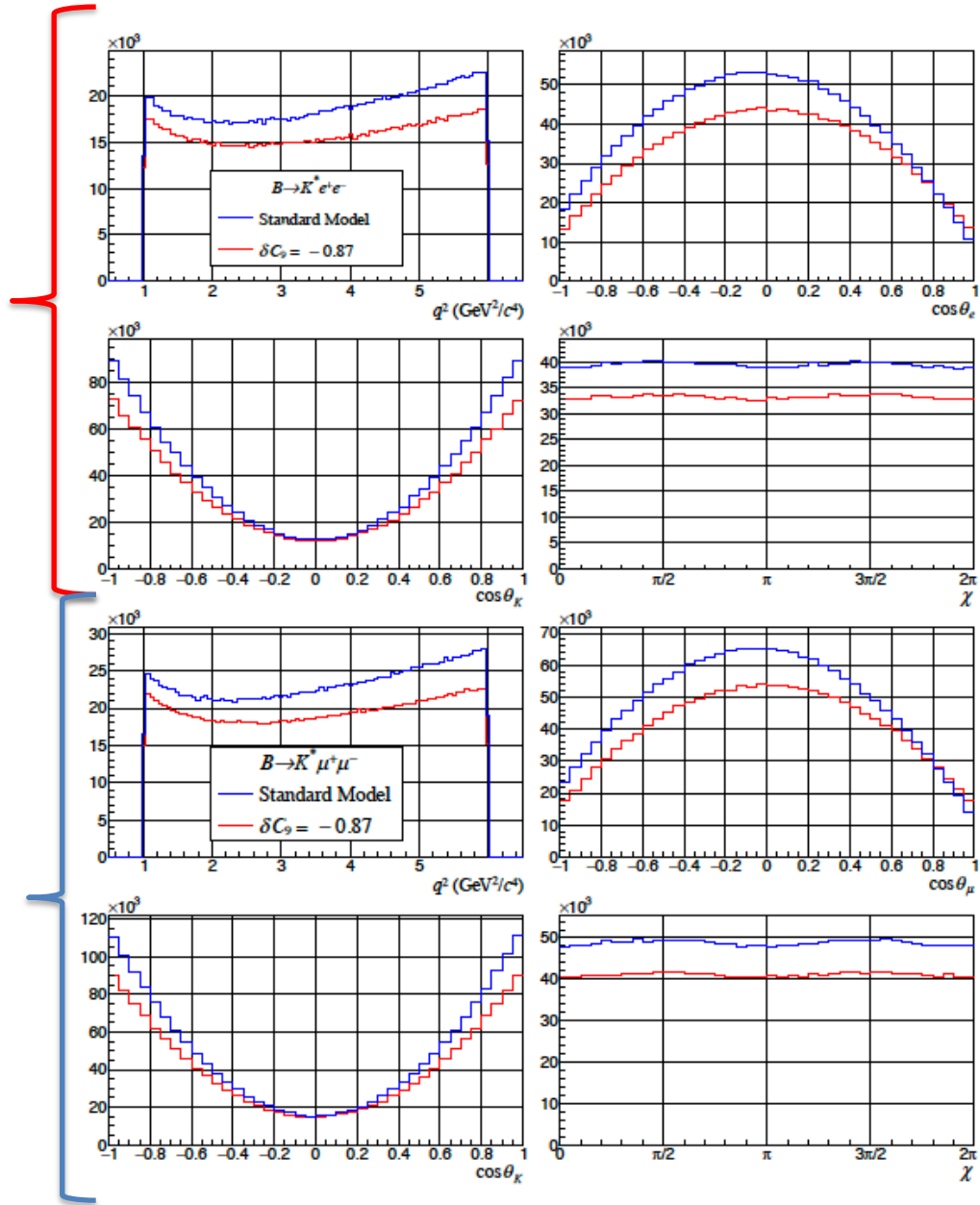


MC  $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$  @Mid  $q^2$  ( $[1-6] \text{ GeV}^2$ ): **dielectrons** vs dimuons

dielectrons

Now the effects in dielectrons and dimuons are similar

dimuons



Hunting for  $\delta C_9 = -0.87$

Multiple differences in angles and  $q^2$

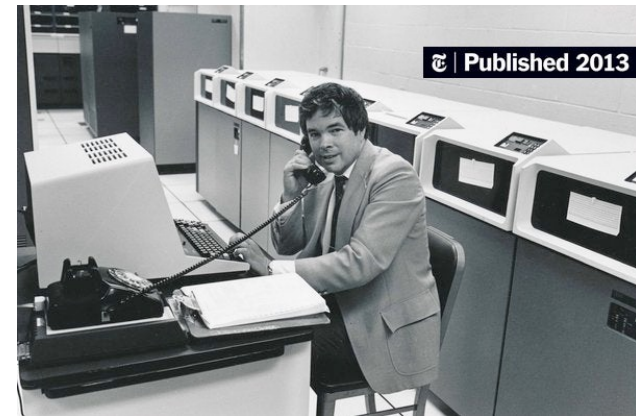
# We need new tools to explore BSM physics couplings

**Monte Carlo Generators** for  $B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$  and  $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$  that allow for SM and BSM physics in Wilson coefficients. This will allow for new and powerful **experimental** analyses of angular dependences.

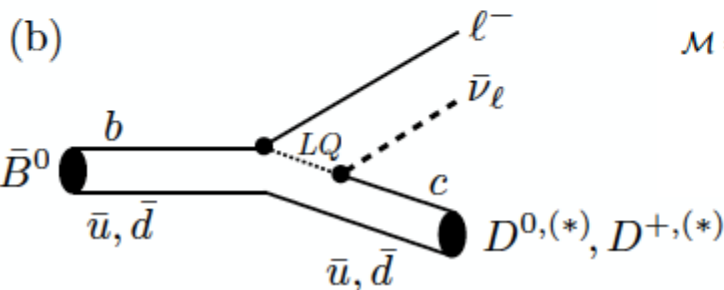


Feynman and his diagrams

## Paradigm shift



Wilson and his Coefficients in Effective Field Theories



$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{4 G_F V_{cb}}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \langle D\pi | \bar{c} \gamma^\mu [(1 + g_L) P_L + g_R P_R] b | \bar{B} \rangle (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu) + \langle D\pi | \bar{c} (g_{SL} P_L + g_{SR} P_R) b | \bar{B} \rangle (\bar{\ell} P_L \nu) + g_T \langle D\pi | \bar{c} \sigma^{\mu\nu} b | \bar{B} \rangle (\bar{\ell} \sigma_{\mu\nu} P_L \nu) \right\}$$

Can now MC this matrix element for any value of  $g_L, g_R, g_{SL}, g_{SR}$



# Potential for **BSM Discoveries** with Belle II@SuperKEKB/ "Take-home message"

Quantum mechanics, **entanglement**, **symmetry** and **symmetry breaking** are at the heart of the particle physics in Belle II

- Belle II is exploring **BSM Physics** on the Luminosity or Intensity Frontier. *This is different from the LHC high  $p_T$  program*
- ***Hints of BSM physics in  $B \rightarrow K \nu \nu \bar{\nu}$  (start of a program)***

What's next:

***angular asymmetries in  $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$  and  $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$  ???***

**Belle II Executive Summary for Snowmass** (high energy physics for the next decade) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.10203>

Some new ideas/programs for BSM discoveries at Belle II

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.01080> (published in PRD)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.06827> (submitted to JHEP)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.11283> (published in PRD)

# Revisionist History and **Paradigm Shift**

The B factory experiments, Belle and BaBar, discovered large CP violation in the B system in 2001, compatible with the SM and provided a large range of CKM measurements. These provided the experimental foundation for the 2008 Nobel Prize to Kobayashi and Maskawa.

In the meantime, the LHC was constructed in 2008, ATLAS and CMS *completely changed* the nature of high energy physics. Of particular importance was the landmark discovery in 2012 of the Higgs boson.

This discovery was recognized by the 2013 Physics Nobel Prize to Englert and Higgs.

In addition, the high  $p_T$  experiments, established tight constraints on direct production of high mass particles (e.g.  $M(Z')$ ,  $M(W')$ )  $> 3$  TeV, vector-like fermions  $> 800$  GeV) and limits on SUSY. This *noble search* continues with the high luminosity LHC.

Paradigm shift: inspired by intriguing results from B factories, LHCb and the potential of Belle II, the possibility of finding **BSM physics in quantum effects in flavor** has emerged as a *alternate* route to going beyond the SM.



Younger theorists:  
Dark Sector  
may be another path.



# At Snowmass in 2022, we explored the "Vision Thing" for Belle II/SuperKEKB



What happens at  $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  and beyond ?



**Belle II**  
Higher sensitivity to decays with photons and neutrinos (e.g.  $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu, \mu\nu$ ), inclusive decays, time dependent CPV in  $B_d, \tau$  physics.

**LHCb**  
Higher production rates for ultra rare B, D, & K decays, access to all b-hadron flavours (e.g.  $\Lambda_b$ ), high boost for fast  $B_s$  oscillations.

Overlap in various key areas to verify discoveries.

**Upgrades**  
Most key channels will be stats. limited (not theory or syst.).

Observable	2022 Belle(II), BaBar	2022 LHCb	Belle-II 5 $\text{ab}^{-1}$	Belle-II 50 $\text{ab}^{-1}$	LHCb 50 $\text{fb}^{-1}$	Belle-II 250 $\text{ab}^{-1}$	LHCb 300 $\text{fb}^{-1}$
$\sin 2\beta/\phi_1$	0.03	0.04	0.012	0.005	0.011	0.002	0.003
$\gamma/\phi_3$	$11^\circ$	$4^\circ$	$4.7^\circ$	$1.5^\circ$	$1^\circ$	$0.8^\circ$	$0.35^\circ$
$\alpha/\phi_2$	$4^\circ$	—	$2^\circ$	$0.6^\circ$	—	$0.3^\circ$	—
$ V_{ub} / V_{cb} $	4.5%	6%	2%	1%	2%	< 1%	1%
$SCP(B \rightarrow \eta' K_S^0)$	0.08	—	0.03	0.015	—	0.007	—
$ACP(B \rightarrow \pi^0 K_S^0)$	0.15	—	0.07	0.04	—	0.018	—
$SCP(B \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma)$	0.32	—	0.11	0.035	—	0.015	—
$R(B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-)^\dagger$	0.26	0.12	0.09	0.03	0.022	0.01	0.009
$R(B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu)$	0.018	0.026	0.009	0.0045	0.0072	<0.003	<0.003
$R(B \rightarrow D \tau \nu)$	0.034	—	0.016	0.008	—	<0.003	—
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow \tau \nu)$	24%	—	9%	4%	—	2%	—
$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K^* \nu \bar{\nu})$	—	—	25%	9%	—	4%	—
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow e \gamma)$ UL	$42 \times 10^{-9}$	—	$22 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-9}$	—	$3.1 \times 10^{-9}$	—
$\mathcal{B}(\tau \rightarrow \mu \mu \mu)$ UL	$21 \times 10^{-9}$	$46 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.6 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.36 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.07 \times 10^{-9}$	$5 \times 10^{-9}$

The dagger refers to a measurement in the range  $1 < q^2 < 6 \text{ GeV}^2/c^2$

JAHEP report to Snowmass: Arxiv 2203:13979

Consideration of further luminosity upgrade and electron polarization capability of SuperKEKB are started for ultimate new physics searches with heavy flavor quarks and leptons including  $\tau$  lepton  $g - 2$  in the light of muon  $g - 2$  anomaly [28].

*Backup slides on e- polarization and electroweak measurements.*

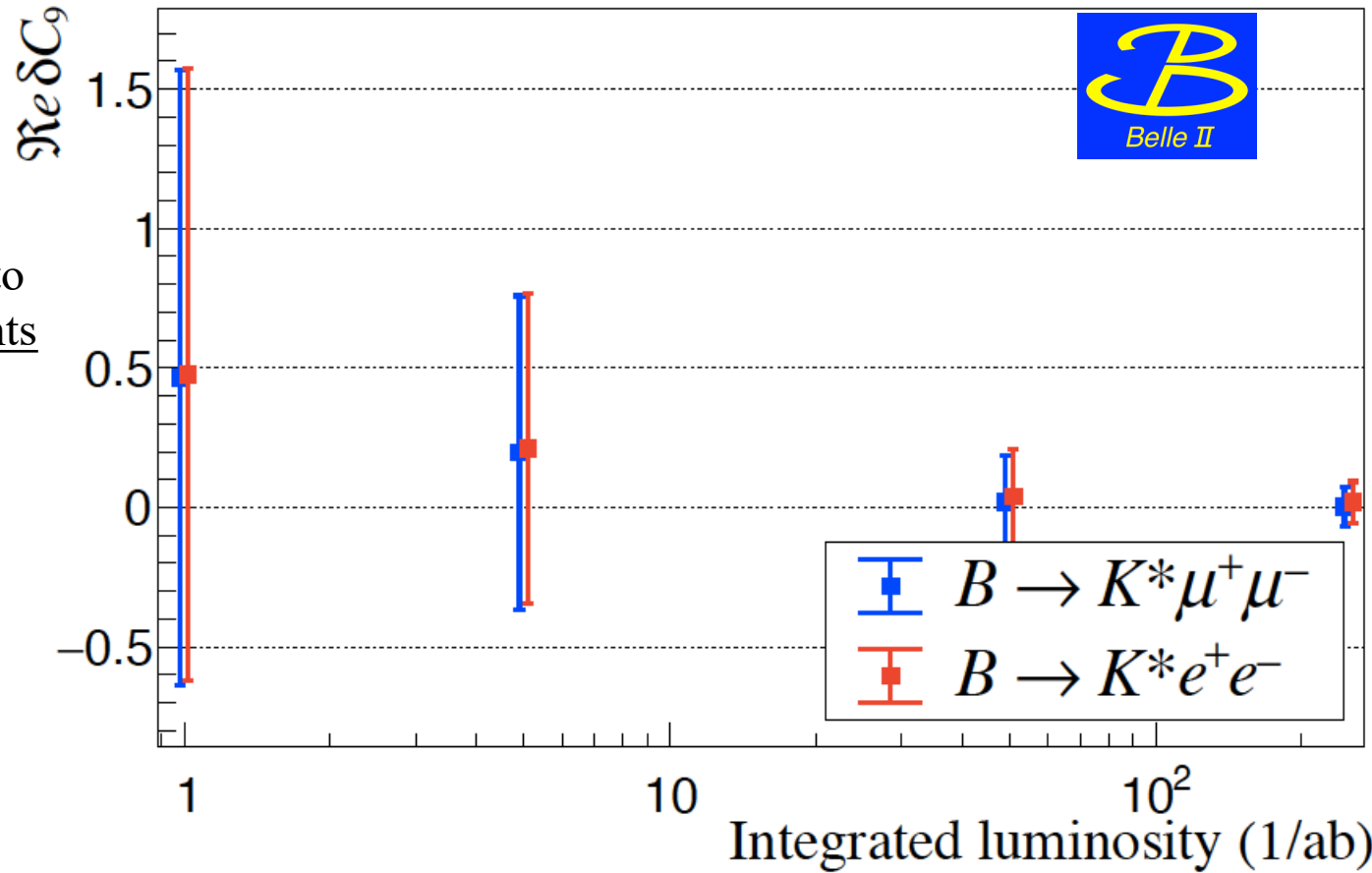
# Reminder and Motivation:

$C_9$  : Global fit to world  $b \rightarrow s$  data still gives a deviation from the SM

## What about the future ?

Estimates use pseudo-experiments with **4-D unbinned maximum likelihood fits to 4 variables** in  $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$  to extract Wilson coefficients  $C_i$  directly from data.

Use  $q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $|q^2 - M^2| < 0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$  and assume 25% Belle efficiency



A. Sibidanov et al.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07189>

Apres-Snowmass Bullet Point:

Use the  $\Delta$  Observables in  $B \rightarrow K^* l^+ l^-$  to discover New Physics at Belle II without QCD and hadronic uncertainties.

Work in progress

# AI/ML and BSM Wilson coefficients

**Idea:** instead of 4-d max L fitting, convert the 4d distribution into an image and use **CNNs** to extract the BSM Wilson coefficient

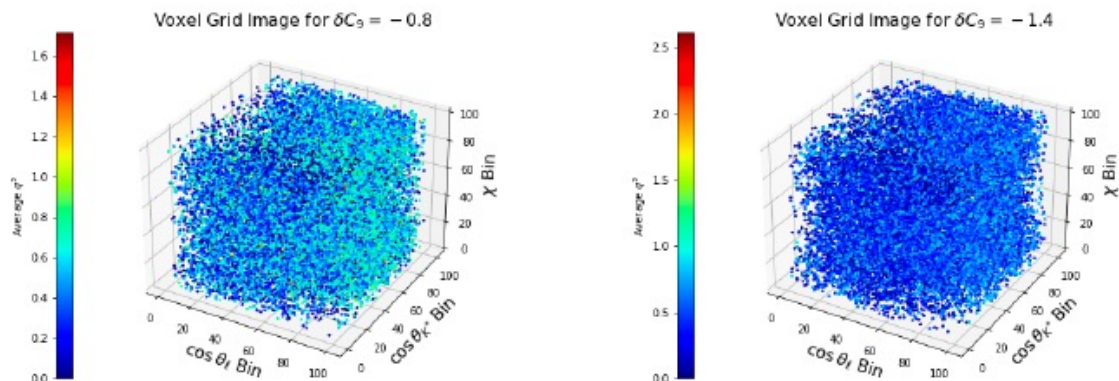
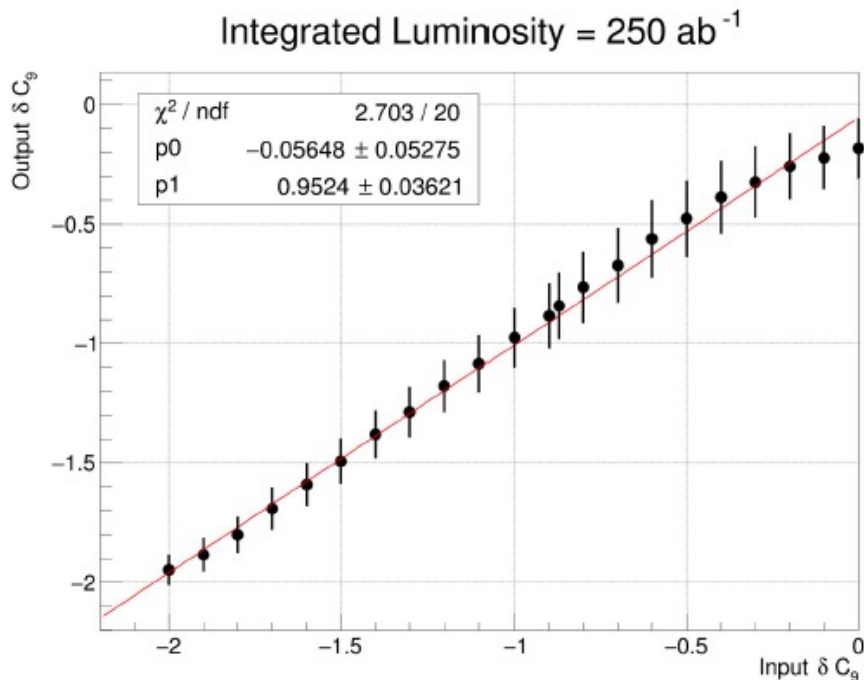


FIG. 8. The "images" of  $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^- \ell^+$  angular observable data for two values of NP contributions to the operator  $C_9$ . Dubey and Browder are using a CNN (Convolutional Neural Net) to fit for  $\delta C_9$  and BSM signals.

Technical point:  
Can add a background image from an Mbc sideband to the image.

Shawn Dubey et al.

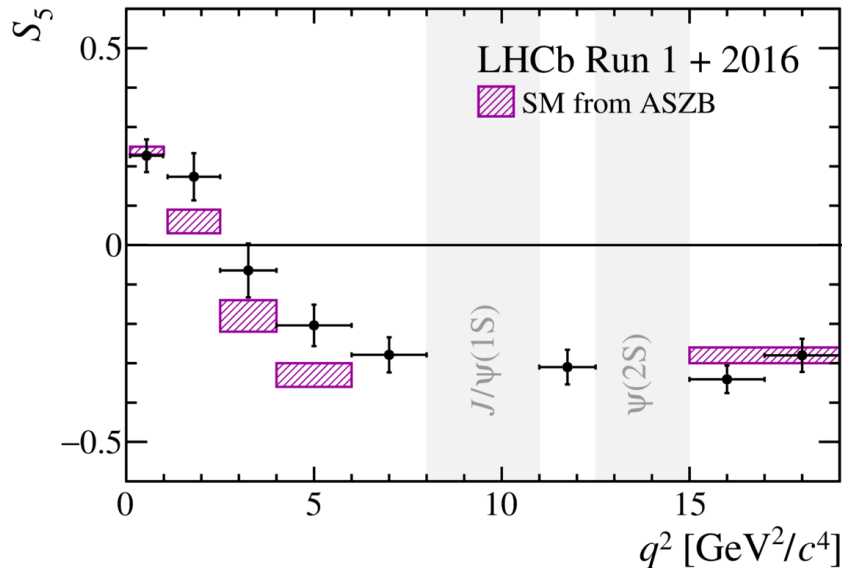


**Regression** via a convolutional neural network (**CNN**).

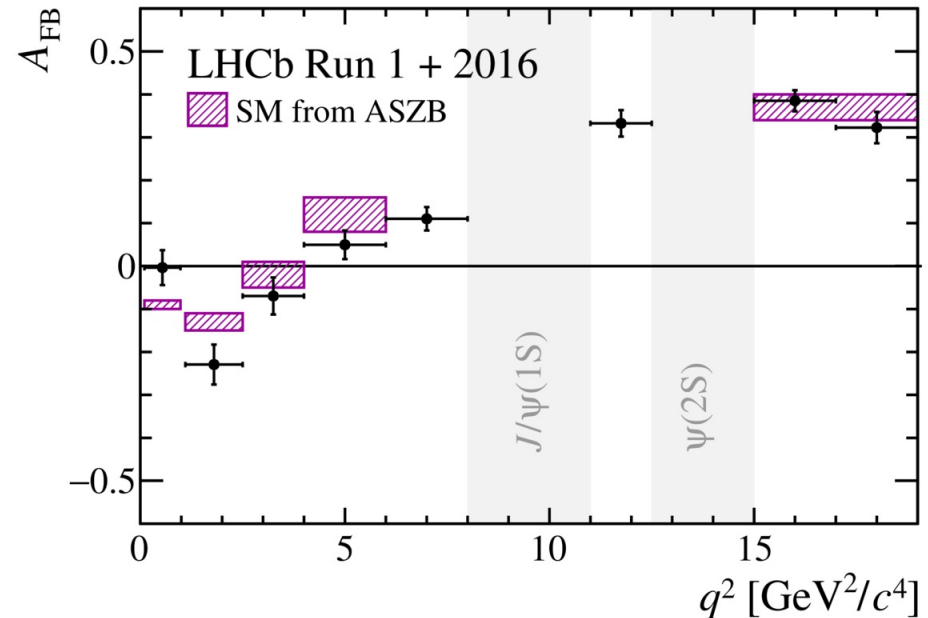
This is regression not classification (i.e. "dog vs cat")

# Published LHCb $5\text{ fb}^{-1}$ results on $B \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^- (q^2)$

A different angular asymmetry, involving  $\chi$



Forward-backwards asymmetry

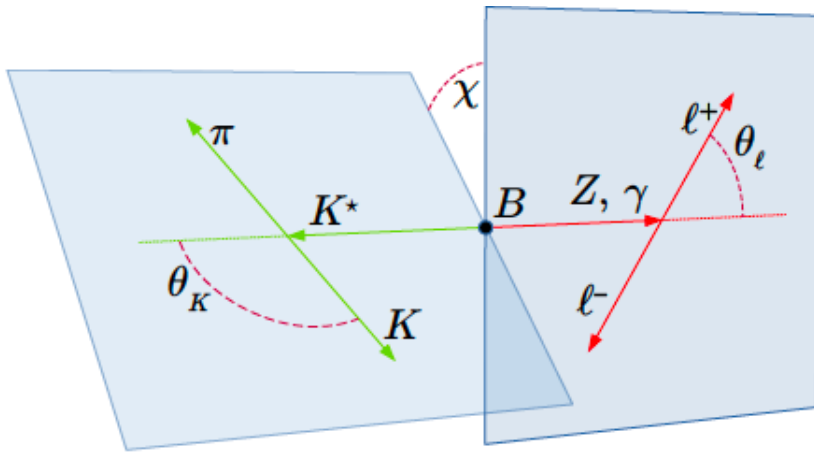
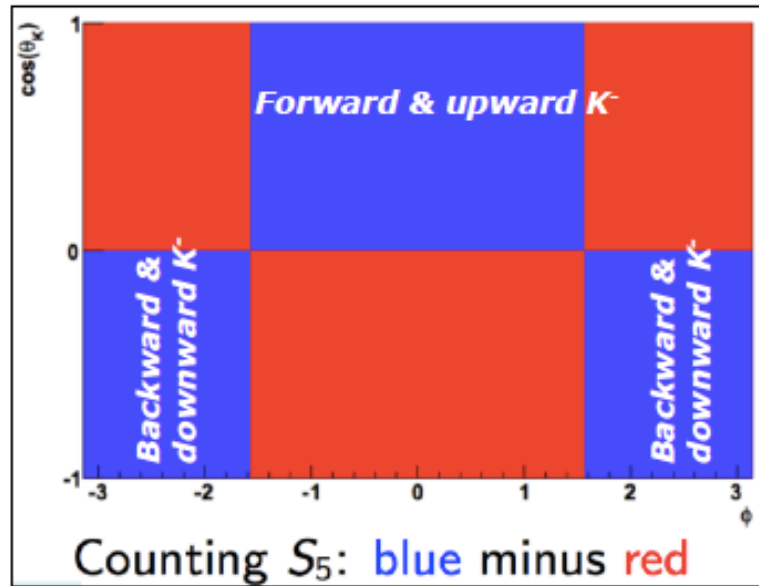


“The  $P_5'$  measurements are only compatible with the SM prediction at a level of  $3.7\sigma$ ....A mild tension can also be seen in the  $A_{\text{FB}}$  distribution, where the measurements are systematically  $\leq 1\sigma$  below the SM prediction in the region  $1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ ” (LHCb 2015 conference paper)

*These angular asymmetries persist in 2023*



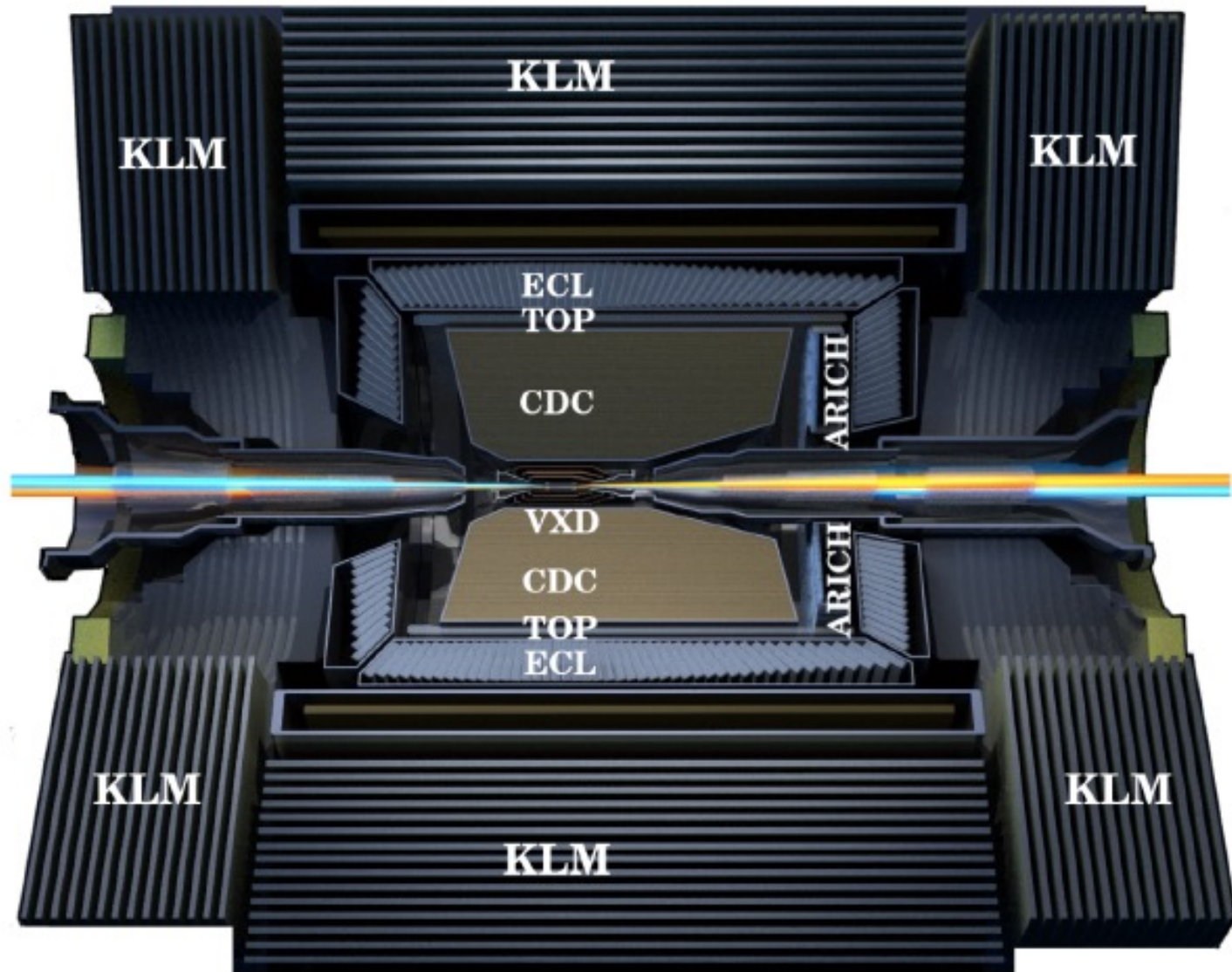
# More on angular asymmetries, $A_{\text{FB}}$ , $S_5(q^2)$



Expect **correlated** angular asymmetries with sensitivity to BSM physics.

FIG. 1. The  $B \rightarrow K^* \ell^+ \ell^-$  decay and the subsequent  $K^* \rightarrow K \pi$  decay kinematic parameters.

# Cross-section of "Belle II in Black"



# Chiral Belle Backup Materials

# Upgrading SuperKEB with Polarized Electron Beams: “Chiral Belle” uses Belle II with L-R polarized SuperKEKB



- Goal is ~70% polarization with 80% polarized source (SLC had 75% polarization at the experiment)
- Electron helicity would be chosen randomly pulse-to-pulse by controlling the circular polarization of the source laser illuminating a GaAs photocathode (similar to SLC source)
- **Inject vertically polarized electrons** into the High Energy Ring (HER) - needs low enough emittance source to be able to inject.
- **Rotate spin to longitudinal before IP**, and then back to vertical after IP using solenoidal and dipole fields – recent studies have demonstrated feasibility
- **Use Compton polarimeter to monitor longitudinal polarization with <1% absolute precision**, higher for relative measurements (arXiv:1009.6178) - needed for real time polarimetry – similar to HERA and EIC technologies.
- **Use tau decays to obtain absolute average polarization at IP – BABAR analysis demonstrates 0.5% precision** (see C. Miller, Lake Louise Winter Institute 2022)



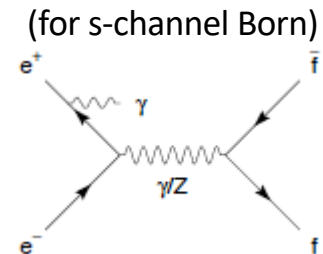
## “Chiral Belle II” -> Left-Right Asymmetries

- Measure *difference* between cross-sections with left-handed beam electrons and right-handed beam electrons
- Same technique as SLD  $A_{LR}$  measurement at the Z-pole giving single most precise measurement of :

$$\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lepton}} = 0.23098 \pm 0.00026$$

- At 10.58 GeV, polarized  $e^-$  beam yields product of the neutral axial-vector coupling of the electron and vector coupling of the final-state fermion via Z- $\gamma$  interference:

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow A_{LR} &= \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{G_{FS}}{4\pi\alpha Q_f} \right) (g_A^e g_V^f) \langle Pol \rangle \\ &\propto T_3^f - 2Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W \end{aligned}$$

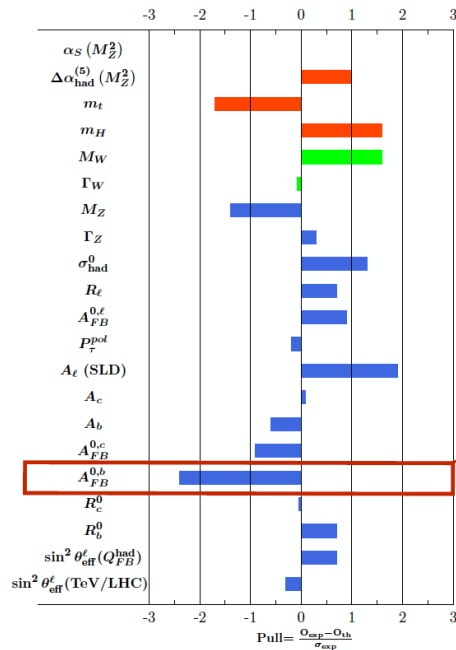


# Belle II/SuperKEKB with a **polarized e<sup>-</sup> beam** can address this long-standing electroweak discrepancy and hint of NP

## SM fit results: Predictions for EWPO

Also good agreement between indirect determination of EWPO and experimental measurements, with one notable exception

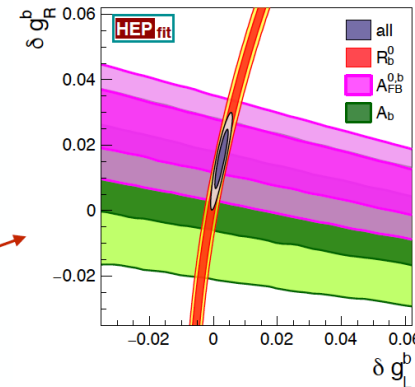
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Does not include CDF 2022 W mass update.



**~2.5 sigma discrepancy in forward-backward asymmetry of the b quark**

Requires modifications of (right-handed) Zbb couplings

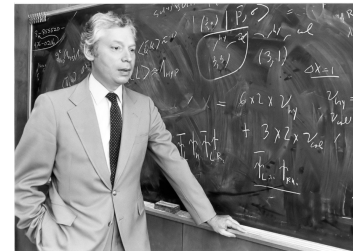
$$g_{L,R}^b = g_{L,R}^{b,SM} + \delta g_{L,R}^b$$



	Fit result	Correlations	
$\delta g_R^b$	$0.017 \pm 0.007$	1.00	
$\delta g_L^b$	$0.003 \pm 0.001$	0.89	1.00

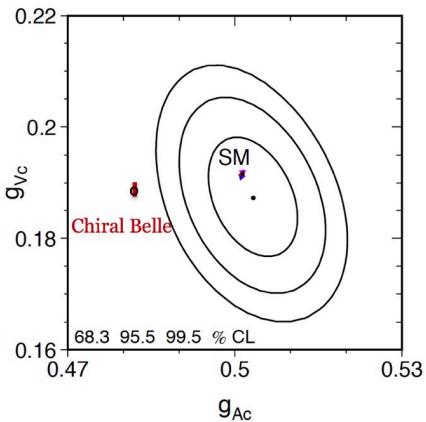
## A New Path for Belle II Discovery in a Precision Neutral Current Electroweak Program with Heavy Quarks

- **Left-Right Asymmetries** ( $A_{LR}$ ) yield high precision measurements of the neutral current vector couplings ( $g_V$ ) to each of accessible fermion flavor,  $f$
- **beauty (D-type)** (as well as for 3 charged leptons and light quarks)
- **charm (U-type)**

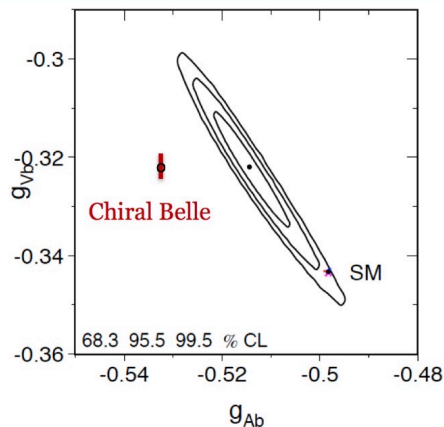


Steve Weinberg

**c-quark:**  
Chiral Belle  $\sim 7$  times more precise



**b-quark:**  
Chiral Belle  $\sim 4$  times more precise  
with 20  $ab^{-1}$



Recall:  $g_V^f$  gives  $\theta_W$  in SM

$$\begin{cases} g_A^f = T_3^f \\ g_V^f = T_3^f - 2Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W \end{cases}$$

$T_3 = -0.5$  for charged leptons and D-type quarks  
+0.5 for neutrinos and U-type quarks

# Unique Access to New Physics in bottom-to-charm Neutral Current Vector Coupling Universality Ratio via $A_{LR}(b-b\bar{b})/A_{LR}(c-c\bar{c})$



**Projections of b-quark and c-quark Neutral Current Vector Coupling Sensitivities with 70% polarized e<sup>-</sup> beam**

**UNPRECEDENTED PRECISION**

**bottom-to-charm UNIVERSALITY RATIO Beam Polarization (dominant systematic) cancels in the ratio**

Final State Fermion	SM	World Average <sup>1</sup>	Chiral Belle 20 ab <sup>-1</sup>	Chiral Belle 50 ab <sup>-1</sup>	Chiral Belle 250 ab <sup>-1</sup>
	$g_v^f$ (Mz)	$g_v^f$ (Mz)	$\sigma(g_v^f)$ or $\sigma(g_v^b/g_v^c)$	$\sigma(g_v^f)$ or $\sigma(g_v^b/g_v^c)$	$\sigma(g_v^f)$ or $\sigma(g_v^b/g_v^c)$
b-quark	-0.3437	-0.322	$\pm 0.0003(\text{stat})$ $\pm 0.0017(\text{sys})$	$\pm 0.0002(\text{stat})$ $\pm 0.0017(\text{sys})$	$\pm 0.00009(\text{stat})$ $\pm 0.0017(\text{sys})$
(eff.=0.3)	$\pm .00049$	$\pm 0.0077$	$\pm 0.0017(\text{total})$	$\pm 0.0017(\text{total})$	$\pm 0.0017(\text{total})$
		2.8 $\sigma$ tension	<b>Improves x 4</b>	Improves x 4	Improves x 4
c-quark	0.192	0.1873	$\pm 0.0006(\text{stat})$ $\pm 0.0009(\text{sys})$	$\pm 0.00035(\text{stat})$ $\pm 0.0009(\text{sys})$	$\pm 0.00016(\text{stat})$ $\pm 0.0009(\text{sys})$
(eff.=0.3)	$\pm .0002$	$\pm 0.0070$	$\pm 0.0011(\text{total})$	$\pm 0.0010(\text{total})$	$\pm 0.0009(\text{total})$
			<b>Improves x 7</b>	Improves x 7	Improves x 8
$g_v^b/g_v^c$	-1.7901	-1.719	$\pm 0.0058$ (stat ~ total)	$\pm 0.0034$ (stat ~ total)	$\pm 0.00015$ (stat ~ total)
Ratio	$\pm .0005$	$\pm .082$	<b>Improve x 14</b>	<b>Improve x 24</b>	<b>Improve x 53</b>
Relative error:	0.18%	4.8%	<b>0.32%</b>	<b>0.19%</b>	<b>0.09%</b>

Get stuck at ~20 ab<sup>-1</sup>

Use the ratio

$\sin^2 \Theta_W$  - all LEP+SLD measurements combined WA =  $0.23153 \pm 0.00016$   
 $\sin^2 \Theta_W$  - Chiral Belle combined leptons with 40 ab<sup>-1</sup> have error ~current WA